

## **ADRC Governing Board Report Discussion Questions for Stakeholders**

### **Background:**

Act 55 directs the Department to develop a report to the Joint Committee of Finance on the responsibilities of Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Governing Boards as follows:

“By no later than July 1, 2016, the department of health services shall assess which responsibilities of resource center governing boards described under section 46.283 (6) of the statutes are duplicative of functions performed by the department of health services **and** shall propose changes to the statutory requirements for the resource center governing boards to remove any duplication of functions.” [Wis. Act 55, s. 9118(9q)(b)]

The Department is gathering stakeholder input for this report and would like your input on the questions listed below.

### **Statutory Duties of ADRC Governing Boards:**

ADRC Governing Boards are required by statute, s. 46.283(6)(b) to do all of the following:

1. Determine the structure, policies, and procedures of, and oversee the operations of, the resource center. The operations of a resource center that is operated by a county are subject to the county's ordinances and budget.
2. Annually gather information from consumers and providers of long-term care services and other interested persons concerning the adequacy of long-term care services offered in the area served by the resource center. The board shall provide well-advertised opportunities for persons to participate in the board's information gathering activities conducted under this subdivision.
3. Identify any gaps in services, living arrangements, and community resources needed by individuals belonging to the client groups served by the resource center, especially those with long-term care needs.
4. Report findings made under subds. 2. and 3. to the applicable regional long-term care advisory committee.
5. Recommend strategies for building local capacity to serve older persons and persons with physical or developmental disabilities, as appropriate, to local elected officials, the regional long-term care advisory committee, or the department.
6. Identify potential new sources of community resources and funding for needed services for individuals belonging to the client groups served by the resource center.

7. Appoint members to the regional long-term care advisory committee, as provided under s. 46.2825 (1).
8. Annually review interagency agreements between the resource center and care management organizations that provide services in the area served by the resource center and make recommendations, as appropriate, on the interaction between the resource center and the care management organizations to assure coordination between or among them and to assure access to and timeliness in provision of services by the resource center and the care management organizations.
9. Review the number and types of grievances and appeals concerning the long-term care system in the area served by the resource center, to determine if a need exists for system changes, and recommend system or other changes if appropriate.
10. If directed to do so by the county board, assume the duties of the county long-term community support planning committee as specified under s. 46.27 (4) for a county served by the resource center.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Which of the statutory duties are the core responsibilities of ADRC Governing Boards?
  - What would you like to see preserved, and why?
  - What are more marginal responsibilities, and why?
  - Do you consider any of the responsibilities to be inappropriate and, if so, why?
2. What challenges do ADRC Governing Boards experience in carrying out these responsibilities?
3. What, if any, ADRC Governing Board duties seem duplicative of functions of other entities?
  - In those areas where there is duplication, which entity (governing board or other entity) is the most appropriate to perform this function, and why?
4. If you were to change the duties of ADRC Governing Boards, what changes would you recommend and why?