



The Aging and Disabilities Resource Center (ADRC) Governing Board of Milwaukee County Seeks Diversity in New Members

*“The ADRC **mission** is to provide older adults and people with physical or developmental/ intellectual disabilities the resources needed to live with dignity and security, and achieve maximum independence and quality of life. The goal of the ADRC is to empower individuals to make informed choices and to streamline access to the appropriate services and supports.”*

ADRC Board Orientation Guide: WI Dept. of HHS

The **Aging and Disability Resource Center** of Milwaukee County represents and supports two groups of Milwaukee County residents so that they may live safely and independently in the community.

- ◆ Adults ages 60 and older, with or without a disability;
- ◆ Adults ages 18-59 who live with a physical, developmental, mental, or emotional disability or with a history of drug or alcohol dependency.

Services provided by the **Aging and Disability Resource Center** (ADRC) include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ providing information about available services,
- ◆ determining eligibility for publicly funded long-term care services, and
- ◆ referring individuals and families to appropriate programs for assistance.

The **Aging and Disability Resource Center Governing Board** serves as the lead Board in Milwaukee County responsible for specific duties related to the policies, operations, and services provided by the ADRC.

The governing board members have three main roles:

1. To serve as an advocate for older adults; adults with physical, intellectual, or mental health disabilities; and their caregivers.
2. To provide strategic direction to ensure fidelity to the ADRC mission.
3. Represent and promote the ADRC and the services it provides to the community at large.

Members of the Milwaukee County ADRC Governing Board

- ◆ have experience as an older adult, live with a disability, and/or serve as a caregiver for a person who is elderly, or lives with a physical, medical, emotional, and/or mental disability;
- ◆ have an interest in or knowledge of the ADRC or long-term care services;
- ◆ represent the wide diversity of people who receive services through the Aging and Disability Resource Centers.

As an ADRC Governing Board member, you can expect to:

1. Attend business meetings 11 times per year, plus occasional additional special meetings.
2. Participate in listening sessions and meetings with collaborative partners on occasion.
3. Connect with other people who are committed to supporting older adults, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers.

An appointment to the Milwaukee County ADRC Governing Board begins with familiarizing yourself with the ADRC and the ADRC Board. If involvement in this Board is something you would like to volunteer for then an application is submitted to the County Executive’s Office and then includes interviews with both the County Executive and with members of the Health and Human Services Subcommittee of the Milwaukee County Board. The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors gives final approval.

For further information please visit the websites of the ARC and DRC, or call: 414-278-4211.

ARC: www.county.milwaukee.gov/Aging; DRC: www.county.milwaukee.gov/DSD

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