

Human Services Director's Report
To the Health & Human Services Board

April 2022

Activity	Program/ Section	Brief Description	Contact Person	Attach- ment
Senior Nutrition Program	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	During the pandemic, the ADRC was able to expand eligibility for home-delivered meals due to the public health emergency and related funding. Effective April 15, 2022, the program will revert to pre-pandemic/standard eligibility. Impacted individuals were notified by letter in March and encouraged to call the ADRC to determine continued participation, if applicable. Alternatively, individuals could attend a congregate dining site and/or sign up for carry-out meals. Carry-out meals are available from any of our eight dining sites.	ADRC Manager Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 cpagel@lacrossecounty.org	No
Volunteer Appreciation Month	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	April is volunteer appreciation month. In 2021, 178 individuals provided a total of 9,073 hours of service in support of the Senior Nutrition Program. Additionally, students from Aquinas High School and Viterbo University actively volunteered throughout the year. Volunteers are critical to our operations, and we are thankful.	ADRC Manager Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 cpagel@lacrossecounty.org	No
SAVE THE DATE: Aging Advocacy Day 2022	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	This year's Aging Advocacy Day will be held virtually on Wednesday, May 11th. Participants will gather on Zoom from 1:00 to 2:30 pm for advocacy training and then use an advocacy phone bank system to make calls to state legislators from 2:30 to 4:00 pm. To learn more, or to register, go to https://gwaar.org/aging-advocacy-day-2022 .	ADRC Manager Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 cpagel@lacrossecounty.org	No
End of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) and Unwinding of COVID Policy Waivers	Economic Support (ES)	As the Public Health Emergency (PHE) is expected to end July 16, 2022, WREA has been busy planning for the unwinding of the COVID policy waivers that have been in place since 2020. Letters will be sent 7/11/22 to notify Food Share members of the ending of the emergency allotments. August will be the last month that emergency Food Share benefits will be issued. Annual health care renewals will resume starting in September 2022. These renewals will be redistributed evenly over the following 12 months. Members who are no longer eligible at renewal will lose their health care coverage. Drug testing requirements for Food Share will be reintroduced in mid-August. Throughout the PHE, health care premiums and work requirements for Food Share and the Medicaid Premium Assistance Program (MAPP) were suspended. Following the end of the PHE, these requirements will go back into effect for new applicants beginning October 1, 2022 and existing members at their next eligibility renewal.	ES Manager Lorie Graff 738-2410 lgraff@lacrossecounty.org	No