

Northeast Wisconsin Family Care Steering Committee has selected three individuals to serve on the District Board which will be formed when the seven counties pass the resolution to establish the District. Each county resolution will include the names of these consumer members; so all seven counties will be approving these individuals:

Carolyn Barke, RN

Carolyn Barke has been an advocate for the frail elderly and has followed Long Term Care efforts. She hopes to see flexible benefit packages for our growing aging population that will eliminate wait lists and enable more individuals to remain in the community with the support they need.

Carolyn has served as an appointed citizen advocate member of the Health and Human Services Board of Oconto County for the past 15 years. She was the Director of Home Respite Care for 5 Years and a Director of Nursing for 10 Years. Carolyn has served on the Oconto County Commission on Aging Committee.

Carolyn is a Registered Nurse with over 43 years of professional experience.

Mary Derginer

Mary Derginer has been an advocate for people with developmental disabilities and has the vision to reduce waiting lists and provide consumers with choices regarding life decisions.

Mary serves on Aspiro's Board of Directors and is Chair of the Adult Program Committee. She is a member of the Brown County Children and Family Services Advisory Committee and serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Pilgrim Congregational Church.

Mary has over 38 years of experience—she taught Special Education for 27 years and was the Special Education Curriculum/Transition Coordinator for 11 years. Mary has a B.S. in Education from UW-Eau Claire and M.S. in Education from UW – Oshkosh.

Julie Kudick, RN, BSW

Julie Kudick has been an advocate for people with disabilities and is concerned about future services for individuals faced with physical challenges and their need for specialized service.

Julie was a State delegate to the White House Conference on Disabilities. For 35 years, Julie worked for the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health Services, in providing, planning, consulting, and monitoring long term care services. For three years she was the Area Administrator for the North East Wisconsin Region working with the County 51 and HSD agencies.

Julie is a Registered Nurse and Social Worker with Human Service experience in long term care and Family Care pilots.