

North Dakota Senior Service Providers
Summary of Minutes
2018

- **January 2018:** A new APT person will be coming on board.
- State plan surveys will be sent out to regions and the state is also looking for places for public meetings.
- ADRL website updates.
- Funding levels will remain the same.

- **April 2018:** Bill Kalinek is our new NDSSP lobbyist.
- Toured the ND Assistive Technology office.
- NDSSP video is completed.
- NDSSP has a Face Book page.
- NDSSP had 105,000 meals that were not reimbursed.
- Three main changes in the elderly nutrition program that NDSSP would like to advocate for are 1) provide for a broader definition of what an “eligible” meal is. 2) remove the nutritional counseling requirement. 3) remove the requirement for Annual Congregate Reassessments.
- The Senior Community Service Employment program served 45 people statewide and this program is the state’s version of Experience Works.
- Defeatmalnutrition.today is a coalition of over 76 organizations and stakeholders working together to defeat older adult malnutrition.
- RSVP has been taken over by Lutheran Social Services.
- Sheryl Pfliger retired.
- Jane Strommen is the contact person for Powerful Tools for Caregivers.
- President Trump signed into law an increase for OAA Nutrition Programs.
- A study was conducted linking older adults receiving home-delivered meals to less emergency room visits and lower medical spending.

- **October 2018:** The meal contract unit rate hasn’t increased since 2015.
- Colette Iseminger did a presentation on the “My Senior Center” a software program to the members.
- Workplace Violence/Predator Awareness training was presented to the members by Don Moseman.
 - Pressing *67 before dialing a number on a phone prevents the number from which you are calling from appearing on the call recipient’s caller ID system. *67 is a useful feature for one-time call blocking.