

ROCK COUNTY LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE

November 1, 2011

Call to Order: Vice Chair Jensen called the meeting of the Rock County Long Term Support Committee to order at 1:12 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at the Rock County Job Center.

Committee Members Present: Donna Cavey, Pat Hubbard, Marilyn Jensen, Joanne Jones, Tera O'Connor, Mary Jane Patch, Linda Sanders, Jennifer Thompson, Anne Weirich, and Richard Ziemendorf

Committee Members Absent: John Hanewall, Ann Henning, and Anna Marie Johnson

Staff Members Present: Jennifer Anselmi, Steve Hare, and Gay McRoberts, A.A.

Others Present: Marcy Berner-Reedy/ Beloit Meals on Wheels; Lucille Braden.

Approval of Agenda Recommended removal of item 7C (Success Stories) and correction of next meeting to January 3, 2012. Ms. Cavey moved approval of the agenda with recommendations, seconded by Ms. Hubbard. APPROVED

Approval of Minutes Ms. Thompson moved approval of the minutes of July 5, 2011, seconded by Ms. Cavey. APPROVED

Citizen Participation Ms. Berner-Reedy/Beloit Meals on Wheels stated that her agency is challenged by closure of COA nutrition sites resulting in added clients for meal deliveries, and reduced 2012 budget.

Financial/Statistical Information:

Human Services Ms. Thompson reported the following:

- Interviewed last week to fill two vacant LTS Case manager/social worker positions. Offers extended.
- Introduced Gay McRoberts, AA, replacing Pam Sachs
- Explained change in how Elder Abuse referrals are assigned, with Jenny Dopkins as point of contact offering consistency and a familiar person for police departments and agencies.
- Reimplementation of a Wait List to help put hold on Waiver dollars. LTS is close to exceeding CBRF spending caps.
- Under budget in COP-W and CiPII programs and over budget in COP.

Ms. Thompson responded to questions.

- Significant Proportion section reports percent of elderly served aren't meeting the requirement. Generally assessments are done on everyone referred, never screened out from being assessed. Because LTS has money, we are serving all who need in-home care—regardless of target group. There is no control over who walks through the door.
- Care is advised not to scare people from calling when informing callers of Waiver eligibility and the required "nursing home level of care."

Developmental Disabilities

Ms. Jones reviewed data for COP Expenditures through August 2011.

- For CIP 1A amount spent \$58,969 (3 consumers served, unchanged from last report)
- For CIP 1B amount spent \$391,920 (40 consumers served, unchanged from last report)

Currently there are 298 consumers on the COP waiting list.

Old Business:

ADRC Update Ms. Thompson reported the State was to have received a response from Rock County regarding Rock County's intent on establishing an ADRC. Gov. Walker had put a hold on Family Care but left money in the budget for ADRCs. State representatives spoke with Rock County representatives

on benefits of establishing ADRCs without the Family Care component; offering resources before the need for more expensive public funding. Rock County would still receive \$1.3 million dollars for the ADRC. They had examples of counties that have an ADRC without Family Care such as Brown County. One concern is location, as originally an ADRC would be set up in our current LTS-Job Center location on establishment of Family Care. Ms. Jensen offered to ask Mr. Knutson for information later.

Additional discussion explained Family Care options such as IRIS. An IRIS representative manages an individual's allocated supportive care money but the individual is self-directed to do his/her own hiring without aid of social workers.

New Business:

Children's Long Term Support Waiver Program

Ms. Thompson introduced Tera O'Connor, CLTS supervisor. Her program has been operating with Waiver dollars for children since 2008, but beginning in 2011, began use of COP dollars for children.

Ms. O'Connor distributed a CLTS brochure. She reports as of Oct. 31, 2011 they are serving 25. CLTS coordinates use of three Waivers to serve physically disabled, developmentally disabled, and severely emotionally disturbed, meeting with the Developmental Disabilities Board for DD clients and LSS for Autistic clients. Use of Waiver dollars allows them to creatively assist to meet needs, a primary focus to keep them in their homes but with removal if they meet a court-defined need of protection or services. The number one service provided is respite care. COP funds are used as a match source funding for higher-level supports.

Ms. O'Connor responded to questions.

Approval of COP Funding While Institutionalized Ms. Thompson requested approval for one individual. Person was hospitalized June 13th to August 1st, and cost of holding CBRF bed ran \$3,459.19. Ms. Patch moved approval to fund this request, seconded by Ms. Hubbard.

Committee Member Comments

Ms. Thompson pointed out committee membership is short its requirements, especially with recent losses. The State requirements include a consumer or relative/guardian representing frail elderly, physically disabled, developmentally disabled, chronically mentally ill, and chemically dependent; County government representatives from the Health Department, Long Term Support division, Community Support Program, Council on Aging, and Human Services Department, and include elected officials (at least 2). Additionally, State guidelines recommend including a representative from other public and private service providers such as home health agencies, hospitals, nursing homes, consumer advocacy or self-help organizations, physician, and consumer representative for persons with Alzheimer's or other dementias. Attempts are made to reach out to meet requirements.

Next Meeting The next meeting of the LTS Committee will be on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Ms. Hubbard wanted the committee aware of the reason she runs consistently late.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourn at 1:58 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Weirich seconded by Ms. Sanders.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay McRoberts
Administrative Assistant

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