

ROCK COUNTY LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015 at the Rock County Job Center

Call to Order and Introductions: Chairperson Fell called the meeting of the Rock County Long Term Support Committee to order at 1:05 p.m. All present introduced themselves.

Committee Members Present: Terry Fell, Terry Thomas, Nancy Arnold, Kim Burkhalter, Marci Taets (for Julie Butz), Donna Cavey, Stephanie Guetschow, Ann Henning, Pat Hubbard, Mary Jane Patch, and Jennifer Thompson

Committee Members Absent: John Hanewall and Anne Weirich

Staff Members Present: Jennifer Anselmi, Melissa Kooiman, Michelle Muth, Tammy Stevenson, Julie Seeman (for Joyce Ludden), John Lehmann, Meredith Vitaioli, and Gay McRoberts.

Others Present: Ellen Wiegand, Beloit MOW; Lucille Braden

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Thomas moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Hubbard.
APPROVED

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Patch moved to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Thomas. APPROVED.

Citizen Participation

Ms. Wiegand reports that Beloit Meals on Wheels has partnered with Walgreens to give flu shots to those clients who have their meals delivered, due to difficulties getting out of their homes.

Financial/Statistical Information:

Human Services

• LTS Budget Updates:

Ms. Thompson reviewed the reports submitted, showing figures through August. The COP budget is operating in the black. There's a waiting list for all funding sources, but whenever a surplus of dollars allows removals from the list, the number removed is off-set by more added at about the same rate.

• CLTS Waiver Program Updates:

Ms. Taets represents Ms. Butz, offering to review the submitted report and answer any questions. The waiting list fluctuates between 144 and 145, similar to the number served. The total dollars allocated is \$1.9 million. With a tighter budget projected in 2016, it's all the more urgent to complete high cost projects begun for 2015 by year end. Ms. Thompson shared that the \$50,000 non-Federal portion budgeted for high cost projects is a shared amount, tapped into by LTS, CLTS and DD clients.

Developmental Disabilities

With Mr. Hanewall and Ms. Froeber both absent, any questions concerning the submitted report would be brought to their attention at the next meeting. Information in the report includes the following.

- The CIP 1A amount through June was \$69,419. (3 consumers served, unchanged from last report).
- The CIP 1B amount spent was \$350,852. (40 consumers served, unchanged from last report).

Old Business:

Elder Abuse / Adults At Risk – Updates by the EAN Team

- Statistically, there were 29 reports in September and 19 in October. The 29 in September consisted of 24 elders and 5 adults-at-risk, with 9 identified as neglect by others, 10 financial exploitation, 8 self-neglect, and 2 emotional abuse. Of these, 10 were closed, with 3 substantiated and 7 unsubstantiated. October reports consisted of 17 elders and 2 adults-at-risk, with 5 identified as neglect by others, 3 physical abuse, 2 financial exploitation, 5 self-neglect, 1 emotional abuse and 3 not identified (not recorded in the statistics). Of these, 16 are closed, with 2 substantiated, 3 unsubstantiated and 11 unable to substantiate.
- All statistics are expected to increase as the State is requiring incident reports for a variety of situations involving open cases requiring follow up investigations. Reports on assigned cases could potentially go to another uninvolved case manager, or to either of the EAN workers.

- Three senior fairs in October had attendances of about 500 at Beloit, 1100 in Janesville and an unknown but smaller number participating in Evansville. Staff continues networking and gaining agency contacts that report incidents and who cooperate with investigations.

Success Story

Mr. Lehmann shared his success story of an elderly man who had designated his son as Power of Attorney for Health Care, but as his dementia grew and physical abilities declined, the son and another person residing in the home failed to give care. Care agencies refused to take his case upon learning no care was given when they weren't present. It became necessary to seek guardianship through the courts. After assurances to the son that he could remain in the home, he agreed to the client moving to a facility where he is thriving. Ms. Thompson explained that seeking guardianship is not an easy process, especially where it involves proving a need to overturn a client-designated POA choice. Chairman Fell commended Mr. Lehmann for his persistence in working to investigate and assess, but added that this case example spoke to the resources available now that weren't years ago.

New Business

COA

Ms. Seeman distributed newspapers created by COA, informational brochures and other handouts. The newspapers are distributed throughout Rock County where seniors would likely see them. These and the COA brochures have information on the congregates, menus, benefit specialist schedules, transit services, the Mobility Manager, COA hours and the webpage address with more information. She explained that benefit specialists are especially busy at open enrollment time for Medicare Part D. Dining centers provide meals and socialization; these meals and home delivered meals are contracted out with Best Events Catering. The Mobility Manager worked closely with our Dementia Care Specialist to train all Janesville Transit Service drivers to be dementia friendly, extending this to Beloit Transit drivers now. The mobility manager works closely with MTM to resolve any complaints submitted to her. Ms. Seeman works in the area of caregiver support, offering workshops on healthy aging, fall prevention, and others. Staff of COA also are active in various sub-committees.

Family Care

The State approached Rock County on our desire to move forward. Moving forward now could lessen the physical impact when the new version of Family Care appears, should eliminate waiting lists, and aligns with Rock County's resolution passed last year to bring Family Care to Rock County. A bill introduced in the Assembly won't go to the full legislature before they meet again in January, and a managed care organization and IRIS (self-directed services) are needed to take on Rock County cases. Expect public hearings before a projected Family Care start date of July 1, 2016.

ADRC

The State is looking for more data collection. The graph submitted reflects on our success getting the word out about ADRC. Other data shows the types of calls from the software program SAMS.

Committee Member Comments

Team members were reminded to submit agenda ideas to Ms. Thompson. She offered to bring someone to speak on the LTS partnership with CSP (Community Support Program), specifically cases taken on by Dryw Anderson, who monitors the COP funds accessed for chronically mentally ill participants.

Future Meeting Date:

The 2016 meeting dates were on the agenda; all are scheduled to be held the first Tuesday of odd months in the Job Center Room D/E. Call Ms. Thompson at 741-3684 (or email Ms. McRoberts) if unable to attend a meeting, to ensure we have a quorum.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Arnold. APPROVED.
Respectfully submitted,

Gay McRoberts, Administrative Assistant

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