

**ROCK COUNTY LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE**  
November 4, 2014

**Call to Order and Introductions:** Chairperson Fell called the meeting of the Rock County Long Term Support Committee to order at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at the Rock County Job Center.

**Committee Members Present:** Terry Fell, Terry Thomas, Joanne Foss, Ann Henning, Pat Hubbard, Mary Jane Patch, Julie Butz, Linda Sanders, Michael Santucci, and Jennifer Thompson

**Committee Members Absent:** Donna Cavey and Anne Weirich

**Staff Members Present:** Shannon Dewey, Michelle Muth, Jessica Pech, Amy Woodstock and Gay McRoberts.

**Others Present:** Ellen Wiegand and Marcy Berner-Reedy of Beloit Meals on Wheels

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Foss moved to approve minutes, seconded by Ms. Patch. APPROVED.

**Citizen Participation**

Prior to the start of the meeting, and with introductions, Ms. Berner-Reedy invited people to join a retirement reception in her honor and presented Ms. Wiegand as the new Executive Director of Beloit Meals on Wheels. (Reception is scheduled November 20<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 P.M. at the Eclipse Center.)

**Financial/Statistical Information:**

**Human Services**

**• LTS Budget Updates:**

Ms. Thompson explained that, although the waiting list is starting to increase, it is reviewed often to open cases where dollars can be used rather than return money, as happened last year. Of the 81 currently on the list, 37 are awaiting COP dollars to help with CBRF's or assisted living; there's not much COP dollars available now. There are 13 on the waiting list currently being served but requiring additional services or a home modification. High Cost dollars are available at the State for one-time large projects. Staff are encouraged to use this resource, shared between LTS and DD Board cases. Seventeen people are being screened for eligibility and eight more await the State's response to applications submitted.

**• LTS Budget Review under the Summary page:**

A provider was paid the wrong amount over the course of a few months, and BCA may have to tapped into to cover this, but we are requesting the provider make reimbursement. COP dollars are over budget, partly because it was used to fund some EAN/AAR needs that we are also required to meet. Typically COP dollars are used for help in group home settings.

**• LTS Staff Updates:**

We are in the process of hiring two new case managers to fill vacancies. Rebecca Briggs Sedlachek starts November 24<sup>th</sup>, from a Crisis pool position. The second position could be filled from an eligibility list. Responding to concerns about the closure of the Alzheimer's Support Center, figures in the news article were misleading on the number of contacts transferring to LTS. Cori Marsh, the Alzheimer's specialist with ADRC, and Mary Kate Tomczak, the LTS case manager overseeing the AFCSP funded clients, have been reaching out to fill some gaps in service left when it closed. They are searching for people to take on the support groups; Ms. Marsh has taken over facilitating one group in Beloit, although not really her role.

**• CLTS Waiver Program Updates:**

• Ms. Butz read from a written report to be submitted for the record. The CLTS division added money to its budget to fund an additional 4 positions, in turn allowing them to remove 14 off the waiting list. This

brings to 29 removed this year from a waiting list that has a typically 3 – 4 years waiting period. She anticipates being able to raise that to 70 coming off in 2015 with additional workers giving that capability. Besides CLTS staff, there are two supervisors with Catholic Charities, a contracted out agency.

- CLTS had no need for High Cost dollars, as money was budgeted for the three vehicle modifications completed. Surveys to families on the waiting list helped assess the needs and type of items (strollers, ramps, etc.) that they are not able to afford without help. Items must be medically suitable and necessary for the child. Ms. Thompson clarified that on occasion there may be a need to supplement costs with COP dollars, such as a motel stay while a new floor was installed. She added that as the children age out, between 18 and 22 years of age, ADRC assesses them for placement in the DD or LTS waiver programs.

### **Developmental Disabilities**

Ms. Foss shared that the DDB waiting list of 157 is unchanged from last report.

- The CIP 1A amount spent through August was \$64,269 (serving 3 consumers, unchanged from June).
- The CIP 1B amount spent was \$458,227 (40 consumers served, unchanged from last report)

### **Old Business:**

#### **Elder Abuse / Adults At Risk - Update**

- Ms. Muth stated there were 10 abuse investigations in September, most of which she was not involved in, but of the 12 in October, she investigated 9. Six were reports of financial abuse, 2 were neglect by others and one was an emotional abuse report.

- Ms. Muth and Ms. Pech shared the challenge of assisting (case managing) clients who came in as elder abuse or adult at risk report who were homeless. One was a veteran denied help at Rock Valley, requiring the use of Elder Abuse funds to arrange shelter. Both workers have been in touch with John Solis, Veteran Services Officer for Rock County, and are learning what is needed on the Federal level if the client 1) didn't enlist in Rock County or 2) is not a Rock County resident. Further investigation led to learning this man had resources to privately pay for CBRF care and is now on the waiting list for Waiver funds. The second was assisted by PATH, due to being homeless with mental health needs, and because he was under 60 years of age, EAN funds couldn't be used. Salvation Army funded a motel stay, before learning he was too medically complicated for a motel or an adult family home, eventually arranging admittance to a nursing home, where institutional MA covers costs.

- Ms. Thompson commented that several cases investigated were extremely complicated and time consuming. She commended Ms. Muth and Ms. Pech for taking on the challenge. She added that the committee doesn't hear about all APS (adults needing protective services) referrals. Referrals received on individuals with developmental disabilities are referred out through the DD Board to Catholic Charities to investigate.

#### **2014 Home Modification Projects**

- Ms. Thompson stated she invited Jodi Millis to the January meeting to help explain the bidding process for home modification projects. The Committee expressed concern on vendors bidding and then taking their time to complete projects after awarded the bid, wondering how to move the process along.

- Ms. Woodstock presented a success story of a 69 year-old woman who had moved in with her daughter in their new house but over time needed help to meet her needs there. No longer ambulatory, they requested a chair lift at a cost of \$4600, and since it was under the \$5000 of County policy for multiple bids, only one bid was required. Working with Walt Bancroft, he chose a contractor and the work was completed successfully, allowing the client to join family functions on the second level and be able to get to doctor appointments and to socialize.

- Ms. Patch expressed high appreciation of her social worker and all of LTS, stating she also was a success story of a bathroom remodeling done in 1994.

### **New Business**

#### **TMG Review**

Ms. Thompson explained that the review consisted of several chart review and home visits. For the most part, it yielded positive results, with a full report to follow. Ms. Patch was one of the clients interviewed.

On the negative side, the review was of 2013, before LTS took over the COP paperwork part of CSP clients, which has improved since then, but for the issues found, we may face a financial disallowance.

#### **Community Relocation Initiative Clients**

These clients are individuals who are in nursing homes with a desire to be brought back into a community setting. Funds became available in 2005, and in preparing for next year's budget, Ms. Thompson noted figures she thought would be of interest to this committee. Since implemented, we successfully relocated 91 people. This translates to additional CIP waiver dollars to serve others after clients pass away or return to a nursing home, if they remained out of the nursing home over a six month period of time.

#### **Committee Member Comments**

- The committee still needs representatives for mental health and alcohol treatment programs, either a consumer or an advocate, for participation on this committee.
- Mr. Santucci expressed his appreciation for having served on the committee, saying of the many acronyms, he may have figured out 5. This is the last meeting for him and for Ms. Berner-Reedy.
- Chairperson Fell requested that future reports given include papers with the highlights to reference.

#### **Future Meeting Dates:**

The first meeting of 2015 is set for Jan. 6. Other dates are March 3, May 5, July 7, Sept. 1 and Nov. 3. Call Ms. Thompson at 741-3684 if unable to attend, to ensure we have a quorum.

#### **Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m., on a motion by Ms. Foss, seconded by Ms. Thompson. APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gay McRoberts, Administrative Assistant

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## Children's Long Term Support Report

In 2014, the state expanded the Children's Long Term Support program to support children who are living at home or in the community and who have substantial limitations in multiple daily activities as a result of one or more of the following disabilities: developmental disabilities, severe emotional disturbances, and physical disabilities. The budget was increased in Rock County to \$2,053,000 to provide goods and services for these children. This will allow CLTS to serve approximately 70 additional children off of our waitlist. Current number of children served is 117. Four new case managers were hired in order to expand the program to serve these children. They started October first and since then we have taken 14 children off of the waitlist in order to open them to services.

Rock County CLTS also sent surveys out to families asking about unmet disability related needs. We have been working on contacting those families in waitlist order to be able to utilize family support funding to meet those needs.