

ROCK COUNTY LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE

July 3, 2012

Call to Order: Chairperson Fell called the meeting of the Rock County Long Term Support Committee to order at 1:02 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at the Rock County Job Center. Meeting began with all attendees introducing themselves and agency represented.

Committee Members Present: Donna Cavey, Terry Fell, Pat Hubbard, Marilynn Jensen, Mary Jane Patch, Michael Santucci, Jennifer Thompson, Anne Weirich

Committee Members Absent: John Hanewall, Ann Henning, Donna Hirth, and Patricia Lenton, Linda Sanders, and Tera O'Connor

Staff Members Present: Rena Stoegbauer and Gay McRoberts, A.A.

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

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Hubbard moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Ms. Patch.
APPROVED

Approval of Minutes Ms. Jensen moved to approve March minutes, seconded by Ms. Cavey.
APPROVED

Citizen Participation Ms. Berner-Reedy, Beloit Meals on Wheels, reported the national March for Meals fundraising campaign was honored with a platinum award garnering \$2500 for their program, and a first place recognition, with comments on the agency's impressive support base. Another fundraiser is set for Saturday July 21. A \$6 donation gets breakfast served at "The Rock" at the special time of 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and a general admission ticket to Beloit Snappers game, featuring the mascot Snappy and fireworks. Meals on Wheels benefits with proceeds from the breakfast and a silent auction, which includes items donated from the Twins baseball franchise.

Financial/Statistical Information*:

Human Services Ms. Thompson reported the following:

• **LTS Updates:**

As of this date, the department has 3 case manager social worker vacancies, 2 of which are in the process of being filled. This week, Lou Cheplak's LTE position taking intake calls expires and Diane Jones returns next Monday, filling that LTE position through the remainder of 2012.

• **LTS Budget Review:**

- The Waiting List has increased, and includes costs for needed one-time-only purchases. Ms. Thompson added that 10-15 clients were removed since her report was submitted. As funds become available, current clients on for additional funds are removed to serve before new clients.
- Staffs are encouraged to apply for a High Cost grant for items over \$1000. The Supervisors' Updates letter (copied for this meeting from its original green paper) praises their success, with receipt of 9 awards equating to over \$52,000 additional funds. Ms. Jensen told of impressing the Planning and Development Board members with photos from the success story at May's meeting.
- Ms. Thompson reports the budget figures reflect those thru May, with a decrease in service dollars used for CIP II, and increase for COP-W, but is dead on for COP service dollars.

• **CLTS Updates:**

CLTS Staff unable to be present provided a report to share. As of July 1st, screenings are done by COMPAS, except Rock County's staffs assess kids in placement or in danger of being placed (High Cost cases). The unit is still transitioning to third party administration of bills but hopes for a clearer idea what's being spent at the next meeting. A family need for a wheelchair van was

filled using COP special needs funds. One client using COP dollars for a shift-staffed home has since moved. The CLTS program has 21 clients, plus 2 on hold, currently in an ineligible facility.

Developmental Disabilities

No representation at today's meeting. From the submitted report, noted the number of consumers served remains unchanged, but COP wait list of 283 consumers reflects a decrease of 7 from last report.

- For CIP 1A amount spent \$23,773 (3 consumers served, unchanged from last report)
- For CIP 1B amount spent \$204,496 (40 consumers served, unchanged from last report)

Old Business:

ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) Update

Mr. Knutson invited State ADRC and Family Care representatives to meet with various Rock County department heads, but a request by Pris Boroniec, Administrator of Division of Long Term Care, for a private conference call with Mr. Knutson was received and held this Monday. It is anticipated Rock County will plan for an ADRC, but it's unclear if they will move towards Family Care anytime soon. There's also the feeling the Federal Government wants one program for the entire state. For any county wanting Family Care, the Finance Committee must approve plans, delaying action for this year, as they are no longer in session for 2012.

Success Story: Rena Stoegbauer

Ms. Stoegbauer shared the process of bringing improvement to a person who has lived nearly 20 years as a paraplegic, resulting in ongoing health issues and a constant risk for a nursing home admission. LTS has been challenged working with him 6 years, providing assistance that includes a scooter, although he has basically been bedridden the past 2 years. Modifications are being done to a wheelchair ramp to accommodate the gurney used to transport him to medical appointments. Floors in the bedroom and bathroom were replaced, a need that's side benefit was improving breathing problems. Understandably, health issues include depression, and volunteer counselors were arranged who come to his home. While not a shining success sample, the \$90/day average cost is far less than a daily cost of nursing home care.

New Business

Approval of Amended Cost Share Policy

The amended Cost Share Policy came about to give clear direction to workers struggling with the concept of collecting what clients are determined capable of paying toward their care. Supervisors are more involved knowing who has a cost share and are notified of changes in the amount owed. Committee discussed consequences of missing payments and addressing a return to service after making payments. Suggestion was to develop a form outlining the expectations regarding cost share payments and consequences, and involve Corporate Council to review the form and this policy, and then bring this item back for discussion at the next meeting.

Committee Member Comments

There were no committee member comments.

Next Meeting The next meeting of the LTS Committee will be on Tuesday, September 4, 2012. As this follows the Labor Day holiday, members are asked to let Ms. Thompson know soon enough if not planning to attend that all members get notified if the meeting needs to be canceled for lack of a quorum.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Jensen seconded by Ms. Hubbard.

Respectfully submitted,
Gay McRoberts, Administrative Assistant

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Notes from September 4, 2012

Opening of Session: Due to lack of a quorum, Chairperson Fell opened the Rock County Long Term Support Committee as an informational session only at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at the Rock County Job Center.

Committee Members Present: Terry Fell, Pat Hubbard, Marilynn Jensen, Michael Santucci, Jennifer Thompson, and Anne Weirich

Committee Members Absent: Donna Cavey, John Hanewall, Ann Henning, Donna Hirth, and Patricia Lenton, Mary Jane Patch, Linda Sanders, and Tera O'Connor

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

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

Committee Member Comments: Chairperson Fell requested an item for discussion next meeting be attendance. Reiterate responsibilities of membership, and follow up with those who have not attended since becoming part of committee. In consideration of the time and effort others make to regularly attend, anyone unable to attend is asked to notify Ms. Thompson. If it appears there'd be no quorum, she could notify members of cancellation of the meeting. Request made for minutes (or notes) to reflect if someone states at the meeting an inability to make the next meeting, rather than anticipate another call.

Citizen Participation Ms. Berner-Reedy, Beloit Meals on Wheels, reviewed a letter about their change in meals provider. Challenged whether to continue the seven-day week service with another provider or have that and some types of meals cut back by Hoffman House, they found Best Events for daily delivery, but at a higher cost. The agency will honor our 2012 contract, but can't project 2013 expenses until their provider's pricing for 2013 is submitted. Ms. Berner-Reedy added a national conference informed agencies of the unlikelihood for any increase in funding for senior programs, or any programs dependent on such, regardless of election results, recommending fundraisers. Since then, Beloit Meals on Wheels has gotten calls from other agencies for ideas, as they've held fundraisers, some receiving recognition awards. The Rock fundraiser came in over \$600. They also benefit from corporate sponsors and donors.

ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) Update

The tentative date to open an ADRC in Rock County, with no Family Care component, is March 2013. Discussion is on the September 12th HSD Committee Meeting agenda, prior to placement as a budget item for Board of Supervisors meeting. Location considered is that currently used by a childcare center that may get closed. It was noted only this Job Center has a childcare center, and BTC eliminated theirs.

Update on Cost Share Policy

Corporation Council reviewed the amended Cost Share Policy as recommended. It serves to keep staff aware. Clients are informed on State individual service plan (ISP) forms reviewed biannually; these have a section identifying their cost share and check box that they understand their rights and responsibilities as participants in the Waiver program. Cost shares are based on income and out of pocket expenses. Ms. Jensen requested copies of the cost share determination form in the next packet to understand it better.

Next Meeting The next meeting of the LTS Committee will be on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Discussion closed at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gay McRoberts, Administrative Assistant

NOT OFFICIAL MINUTES.