

ROCK COUNTY LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE

July 2, 2013

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. on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at Rock County Job Center. Ms. Thompson gave a more formal introduction of Ms. Kooiman, the new supervisor in the LTS Division.

Committee Members Present: Terry Fell, Ann Henning, Pat Hubbard, Marilyn Jensen, Joanne Jones, Mary Jane Patch, Linda Sanders, Michael Santucci, Jennifer Thompson, and Anne Weirich

Committee Members Absent: Donna Cavey, and Jayanthi Mueller

Staff Members Present: Jennifer Anselmi, Melissa Kooiman, Michelle Muth, and Gay McRoberts, A.A.

Others Present: Marcy Berner-Reedy of Beloit Meals on Wheels

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

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

Citizen Participation None offered.

Financial/Statistical Information*:

Human Services Ms. Thompson reported the following:

- LTS Updates:
 - Interviews to fill one social worker/case manager vacancy began July 12th.
 - The financial information goes through May. Several persons are removed from the waiting list, approved for and provided services.
 - The Significant Proportion Report, item #4, is below the required percentage for elderly, which is accepted by the State as long as we stay within our budget.
- LTS Budget Review:
 - Financial information is through May. There is a larger increase in services enabling removal of several from the wait list, approved and using services. Of the 75 on the COP Waiver wait list, over half are for CBRF funding/assisted living due to need for Room and Board, which there is little available funding. Persons living in Assisted Living placements need to contribute toward the room and board costs, with COP dollars supplementing what he/she can't afford.
- CLTS Updates per report submitted by Angela Bouton:
 - There are 134 on the Waiting List, 21 being served.
 - COP funds have funded a temporary relocation fee of \$2,283.00.
 - COP funds will help with Supported Employment over the summer for one client, to continue gaining work skills in a safe and supportive environment and keep the client out of a more restrictive placement.
 - Success story—A client's significant behavior problems overcome for a year of successes: now in team sports; bonded with respite care worker; and participated in year-end school celebration.

Developmental Disabilities

Ms. Jones noted waiting list decreased by one since the last report, now at 278.

- For CIP 1A amount spent \$24,646 (3 consumers served, unchanged from last report)
- For CIP 1B amount spent \$199,365 (40 consumers served, unchanged from last report)

Old Business:

Elder Abuse / Adults at Risk: Michelle Muth

Ms. Muth shared that she is receiving 15-16 investigations each month, recently predominantly self-neglect reports. She assisted with a move that ran into transportation issues, as social workers are not

supposed to do direct service to clients and the provider didn't understand the 30-day payment process. She learned she'd be able to access petty cash and repay it with EAN funds. K-Town is for medical appointments only and small towns have no service. This particular problem self-resolved; the apartment manager met the client in the house instead of requiring the client to meet at the apartment.

A follow up on the hoarding case: at a cost of \$9000 and after multiple trips, with the client so distraught through the process, Crisis was called on for welfare checks. The inspector cleared the home for the client to remain living there, but client remains responsible for cleaning and repair.

The team commended Ms. Muth for her fast response to reports received through the ADRC. If further services are required, they are referred back to the ADRC.

ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) Update

Three more Information and Assistance specialists are hired effective June 1st: Ann Howell, Dawn Fossum and Amber Schmidt. Backgrounds range from new social worker to mental health and nursing home. They were booking two weeks out and are now within five business days. Ms. Thompson reports hiring process begun for two Disability Benefit Specialists. Currently there are two serving elderly, one with Council on Aging and one with Senior Services. These are known as "red tape cutters" to assist with disability denials, MA applications and any roadblocks to funding. The ADRC Disability Benefit Specialists will serve people age 18 – 59 and have on-site hours. The hope is to have them on board in September.

The unit fields 3 – 5 walk-ins per day. Ms. Thompson gives multiple presentations in the community regarding the services of the ADRC.

There are still no plans to expand to Family Care.

A nine-member ADRC Advisory Committee is forming. They will be oriented to the ADRC, their roll, and the unit's progress.

New Business

Gazette Article

Gazette reporter Gina Duwe is following a story line on housing for elderly, and contacted Ms. Thompson. The process begins with ADRC but LTS does case management. Ms. Thompson contacted Beloit Daily News to invite them to do a story as well, with no response.

Committee Member Comments

There was a request for an update on guardianship as a future agenda item.

Next Meeting The next regular meetings of LTS Committee are September 3, 2013, November 5, 2013 and January 7, 2014. Please call if unable to attend to ensure we have a quorum, especially since the September meeting is the day after Labor Day.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Weirich, seconded by Ms. Sanders. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay McRoberts, Administrative Assistant

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