

**ROCK COUNTY LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE**  
**May 1, 2012**

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Fell called the meeting of the Rock County Long Term Support Committee to order at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 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, Marilyn Jensen, John Hanewall, Linda Sanders, Mary Jane Patch, Michael Santucci, Jennifer Thompson, Anne Weirich, and Angela Bouton

**Committee Members Absent:** Ann Henning, Donna Hirth, and Patricia Lenton

**Staff Members Present:** Jennifer Anselmi, Steve Hare, Michelle Muth, Chrystal Makurat and Gay McRoberts, A.A.

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

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

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

**Citizen Participation** Ms. Berner-Reedy, Beloit Meals on Wheels, distributed results of an evaluation of their service by its recipients. Committee members acknowledged the importance of this feedback, commenting on how all the agencies are shown working together.

**New Business**

**Election of Vice Chair**

Ms. Thompson nominated Mr. Santucci to the position, seconded by Ms. Cavey. After clarifying duties, he accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Ms. Patch moved nominations be closed, seconded by Ms. Cavey. Vote for Mr. Santucci to be vice chair was unanimously approved.

**Setting of meeting date and time**

Consensus is to maintain same schedule, first Tuesday of odd months at 1:00 P.M., in same location.

**Financial/Statistical Information:**

**Human Services** Ms. Thompson reported the following:

- LTS Budget Review:
  - The packet includes information on 2011 and for 2012 to date. Both Waiver programs are currently over budget, but BCA and COP are in good shape.
  - Ms. Thompson reports the waiting list is growing.
  - COP High Cost approval: Ms. Thompson reports learning it is no longer necessary to have the committee approval for COP High Cost Funds.
  - Ms. Thompson reports NHD funds are available and are not necessarily limited. The State initially had 150 'slots' each worth \$85/day. When counties return NHD slots to the State due to attrition/death, that money becomes available to other counties when able to show a person is at imminent risk for a nursing home. These funds pay care costs, not room and board. (The DD Department clarified their use of dollars, not 'slots', when making funding requests.)
- LTS Updates:
  - Michelle Muth is introduced as person with main role of assessing abuse reports and doing annual WATTS reviews. Her background with chronic mentally ill included work with COP program.

• **CLTS Updates:**

- No specific financial information is available, due to the change to a third party administration (TPA).
- There are currently 26 open cases, 40 on a waiting list, and 14 await screening for eligibility.
- Of open cases, 9 are physically disabled, 10 are developmentally disabled, and 8 combine the target groups. The 26 are what can financially be maintained, but efforts are made to take advantage of a 40/60 Federal match to local funds. Service to 40 waiting comes by attrition.
- Until July, there are two screeners on staff. Beginning in July, Threshold Compass assesses eligibility (functional screening and financial assets) for DD and CLTS clients, and handles appeals process. Rock County is one of six counties in this State-funded pilot program.

**Developmental Disabilities**

Mr. Hanewall reports little change from previous reports, and clarified that all clients are adults served.

- For CIP 1A amount spent \$9,563 (3 consumers served, unchanged from last report)
- For CIP 1B amount spent \$94,940 (40 consumers served, unchanged from last report)

Currently there are 290 consumers on the COP waiting list, a decrease of 2 from last report.

**Old Business:**

**ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) Update**

Ms. Thompson shared a letter from CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services), which defined expectations for renewing use of Waiver dollars for Family Care and temporary extensions to meet these. The State reply was unclear regarding a plan of action. Ms. Thompson provided that response to committee members following the meeting.

**Success Story: Chrystal Makurat**

Ms. Makurat shared pictures illustrating this agency's extensive work with the Planning and Development Department to assist a physically disabled, wheelchair-bound woman, to become more independent. Working with various contractors, an older two-story home with a small first floor bedroom and winding stairs to the second floor had an elevator installed and other remodeling done, to essentially create a separate upper apartment for the client and free her care-giver mother of 24-hour care in the process. P&D Department receives 15% of project costs as part of their revenue. Mr. Fell requests a paragraph for the monthly County Board Supervisors' Review. Ms. Jensen asked for follow-up on a past presentation.

**COP High Cost requests**

There were five requests for State funding for COP High Cost projects: three ramps, a stair lift, and an accessible shower. Approval from the State has been received for all five.

**Committee Member Comments**

Ms. Thompson noted terms are up on this committee effective June 30<sup>th</sup> and passed around a form for members to sign if they wish to remain on the committee. She offered to follow up on the new members who are absent for their first meeting today.

**Next Meeting** The next meeting of the LTS Committee will be on Tuesday, July 3, 2012.

**Adjourn** Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Thompson seconded by Ms. Weirich.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gay McRoberts, Administrative Assistant

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