

ROCK COUNTY LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE

March 4, 2014

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. on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at Rock County Job Center.

Committee Members Present: Terry Fell, Donna Cavey, Pat Hubbard, Marilyn Jensen, Joanne Foss, Linda Sanders, Michael Santucci, and Anne Weirich

Committee Members Absent: Mary Jane Patch, Ann Henning, Jennifer Thompson, Jayanthi Mueller

Staff Members Present: Angela Bouton, Melissa Kooiman, Michelle Muth, Mary Kate Tomczak, Heather Campbell, and Gay McRoberts, A.A.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Jensen moved to approve minutes, seconded by Ms. Hubbard. APPROVED. Ms. Jensen requested a follow up on items from the minutes not seen on the agenda.

Citizen Participation Ms. Berner-Reedy distributed the Beloit Meals on Wheels newsletter for March, along with a "March for Meals" calendar of events and fundraising opportunities for them.

Financial/Statistical Information:

Human Services Ms. Kooiman reported on behalf of Ms. Thompson, due to a last-minute conflict.

• LTS Updates:

LTS has responded to issues noted in the State TMG audit in December, but awaits their final letter. A positive consumer satisfaction surveys report is in the packet.

Process has begun to fill a case manager vacancy with the retirement of Joyce Hereford.

Eight clients with brain injury histories serviced by DDB are transferring to LTS, but since CMS isn't renewing the BIW, confirmation that funding will follow and cover services is still needed.

• LTS Budget Review under the Summary page:

Currently, the 16 persons on the COPW/CIP II funds waiting list are only those also on for CBRF funds. A final report on 2013 figures should be available at the next meeting.

• CLTS Updates per report submitted at this meeting by Angela Bouton:

A new supervisor, Julie Butz, supervises CST and CLTS (including oversight of the Catholic Charities contract). Serving 3 target groups up to age 22, CLTS currently has 138 on a waiting list.

Reconciliation for 2013 figures in process.

Success story—A Request for Quote is in process of being sent out in search of an agency to serve at a shift staff home. CLTS is working with CPS to identify youths currently in hospital settings to bring them into the home for service in the community.

Developmental Disabilities

Ms. Foss shared that the DDB is reviewing its waiting list. From the report with information current through December, the waiting list shows 273.

- For CIP 1A amount spent \$83,533 (3 consumers served, unchanged from last report)
- For CIP 1B amount spent \$649,537 (40 consumers served, unchanged from last report)

Old Business:

- Lamar "Thank you" letter*
 - A copy of the letter is included in the packet.

- **Elder Abuse / Adults at Risk**
Ms. Muth reports 108 reports investigated in 2013. In January, she investigated 13, of which 4 were self-neglect, 2 physical abuse, 5 neglect by others, and 2 financial exploitation. In February, due to her high caseload, other staff investigated some referrals. The increase in referrals over that of past years may be attributed to persons knowing where to call, increased comfort to make a call, as well as the faster processing through the ADRC to LTS. Despite improved communication with the District Attorney and police departments, no substantiated referrals have been prosecuted. Ms. Kooiman and Ms. Muth, from involvement with GWAAR bimonthly meetings, believe other counties have the same problem, although Dane County probably has prosecuted cases. Plans are to learn more of Dane County's special financial exploitation team to set one up here. Chairman Fell requested they assess prosecutions pursued successfully in other counties. Note: contact by the Department of Justice MA Fraud and EAN Unit and State Attorney General for a current case could help as a resource for others.
- **Rock County COA Transportation***
Concerns regarding a policy change regarding hospital dismissals were addressed in an email response from Joyce Lubben on behalf of Council on Aging, included in the packet. Direct future questions to Ms. Lubben or to Steve Skelly. Ms. Sanders stated her agency has assisted with rides home if called to provide services once the client is home. She also recommended RSVP services. Discussed that hospitals could consider this service, seen now as an unmet need that can't be well planned for.
- **Success Story (CLTS/LTS staff)**
Ms. Campbell shared, with help from Ms. Bouton, about a client transferred to her caseload from CLTS. Catholic Charities served the client until he graduated, and CLTS assisted with a van modification. LTS arranged additional care and services for the client to gain more independence.

New Business

Adult Family Home Program

Ms. Tomczak is the Adult Family Home Coordinator for Rock County. This program has existed 40 years, serving to keep clients out of institutions by placing them in homes where they are treated as family members. She accounts for over 80 one and two bedroom homes, certifying the homeowners after an orientation process, and keeping them updated on standards or changes to codes. She provides training opportunities for them to maintain their certification, but once certified doesn't guarantee a placement. She serves as a matchmaker to assess that a client placed with them is a good fit with the family and for the client's needs, but avoids involvement in client-specific issues once a client resides there, referring them instead to case managers. She collaborates with other counties for our use of other homes or by them to use our homes. Clients in target groups from LTS, DDB, and CSP/mental health units are funded with Waiver dollars, although some residents are privately funded. Funding is based on an assessment tool reviewed yearly by caseworkers. A list of available homes is available to those working directly with clients in the target groups, not to the public. Others inquiring about AFH's are advised to contact ADRC.

Committee Member Comments

No additional committee member comments.

Future Meeting Dates:

The next meeting is May 6, in Room K because Room D/E was already reserved. Call if unable to attend to ensure we have a quorum. Mr. Santucci gave notice he will be unable to attend in May. Other meetings are July 1, September 2, and November 4, 2014, all in Room D/E.

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m., by informal action.

Respectfully submitted,
Gay McRoberts, Administrative Assistant

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