

ROCK COUNTY LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE
September 3, 2013

Call to Order and Introductions: Chairperson Fell called the meeting of the Rock County Long Term Support Committee to order at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at Rock County Job Center.

Committee Members Present: Terry Fell, Pat Hubbard, Marilynn Jensen, Joanne Foss, Mary Jane Patch, Linda Sanders, Michael Santucci, Jennifer Thompson, and Anne Weirich

Committee Members Absent: Donna Cavey, Ann Henning, and Jayanthi Mueller

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

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

Citizen Participation Citizen participation was invited before formally calling the meeting to order due to delay in reaching a quorum. Discussed defining quorum and if staff on the committee count toward making that determination.

Ms. Berner-Reedy reports attending a national conference on meals on wheels and issues faced by most such agencies by cuts in federal funding. The Beloit Meals on Wheels is gearing up for the United Way Day of Caring.

Beloit Senior Fair is October 1st. Some report not receiving the registration information. October 12th is the Beloit Farmer's Market Fair.

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Sanders moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Jones. APPROVED

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

Financial/Statistical Information:

Human Services Ms. Thompson reported the following:

- LTS Updates:
 - o Katie Patterson was introduced as the new case manager who began employment August 19th. She had previously worked with Catholic Charities and has a Master's Degree in Psychology.
 - o We are becoming a more locked facility, as the Health Care Center began locking internal doors recently, and Long Term Support has locked their doors. Anyone coming to meet with LTS staff should check with the Job Center receptionist to place a call to staff to ensure they are at the facility and able to meet with him/her.
 - o LTS, and maybe ADRC, plan to have a booth at the Janesville Senior Fair scheduled for October 25th at the Holiday Inn Express (and others if able to get registration information). Discussed need for presence of an Economic Support person to assist any no longer eligible for BadgerCare in choosing from Exchange options available. Letters are going out to 58,000 on that waiting list. While acknowledging concerns, others recognize seniors targeted by the Senior Fairs would have health care coverage under Medicare. Discussed various ages defined as senior in different organizations. Ms. Thompson added that she is still learning the role and response required of ADRC Disability Benefit Specialists.
 - o The LTS waiting list dropped significantly, with those on it the longest needing CBRF care. Any removed from the list who decide they are not ready yet for LTS funding results in removal of more from the list.
- LTS Budget Review:
 - o Under the Summary page, observe the COP costs are close to budget, while the Waiver programs are under budget with caps preventing serving some individuals needing CBRF care.

- o There are no High Cost Dollar requests as there is no need to request this committee's approval for funds. However, we are working with a contractor, Walt Bancroft, to oversee projects; the contractor is not affiliated with Rock County Planning Department.
- CLTS Updates per report submitted by Angela Bouton:
 - o There are 129 on the Waiting List, down 5 from the last report, but with 6 to be added pending completion of the screening process. [COMPASS Threshold Wisconsin screens residents for the Waiver services; HSD staff screens residents who are in placement and referred to CLTS Waiver Services.]
 - o There are 21 being served by CLTS staff and 87 by Catholic Charities for a total of 108. These come under three target groups: Physical Disability, Developmental Disability and Mental Health Disability.
 - o Success story—A client diagnosed with Autism who resided outside the home for several years due to aggressive behaviors celebrated a year of being at home. This was attributed to a combination of supportive family, supportive school environment, and the respite and daily living skills received from the Waiver services.

Developmental Disabilities

Ms. Jones noted the report shared is information as of June. The waiting list was unchanged from the last report of 278. Discussed assessment process; the ADRC requests Catholic Charities assess new referrals. Removals from the list are usually by death, moving out of the county or no longer wanting service. There's a requirement to review any waiting list every 6 months, but DD reviews are every 3 months.

- For CIP 1A amount spent \$41,608 (3 consumers served, unchanged from last report)
- For CIP 1B amount spent \$316,174 (40 consumers served, unchanged from last report)

Old Business:

Elder Abuse / Adults at Risk: Michelle Muth

Ms. Muth and other staff investigated 22 referrals since the last meeting. One was a repeat referral of financial exploitation. The earlier referral involved prescription fraud by the son and girlfriend; both investigations were substantiated and this additional information was submitted to law enforcement. Police don't write up the case for prosecution, seeing the crime as a victimless crime with the victim indirectly approving of the financial abuse, or unable to testify in court. Ms. Muth and Ms. Kooiman are attempting to work with the District Attorney to seek prosecution of substantiated investigations. Ms. Muth added that POA-Health Care requires statements by two doctors on a person's competency before activated, whereas POA-Financial can be written in different ways and it is hard to define when someone is acting in the client's best interest. Ms. Jensen moved to have Ms. Thompson draft a letter from this committee to David O'Leary, D.A., asking that he or an assistant attend our next meeting to clarify questions that come up concerning identifying elders abused and adults at risk. Mr. Santucci seconded motion. CARRIED.

Clarified that anyone can report suspected abuse, but aren't privileged to get outcomes of investigations.

ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) Update

ADRC recently hired two Disability Benefit Specialists: one is from the Economic Support unit familiar with those programs and the second is currently an Elderly Benefits Specialist with the Council on Aging. They start September 30th with the major focus on assisting through appeals process for those less than 60 years of age who are denied disability. The hiring of two more Information and Assistance Specialists is on hold, as the staff is able to meet demands.

New Business

Guardianship update

After Lutheran Social Services pulled out as payee, two new providers stepped up to assist as payees for the Guardianship Advocacy Program. Kandu Industries assume 20 slots in their first year and Tammy Rand, owner of Rock County Advocacy Group, will increase from 20 to 40 slots. This remains in a transition mode to fill the needs.

CBRF Cap

Currently money available for funding CBRF care can't be spent due to a cap put on by this group requesting expenditures kept at 30% although the State approves it to 40%. Raising the cap could allow serving about five more clients who don't also need COP dollars for room and board. After discussing risk of CBRF candidates needing nursing home placement if not funded for a CBRF, Ms. Weirich moved to approve going over 40% one time at the discretion of Ms. Thompson. Motion seconded by Ms. Sanders. CARRIED.

Next Meeting The next regular meetings of LTS Committee are November 5, 2013 and January 7, 2014. Please call if unable to attend to ensure we have a quorum.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Jensen, seconded by Mr. Santucci. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay McRoberts, Administrative Assistant

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