

ROCK COUNTY LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE
May 4, 2010

Call to Order. Vice Chair Jensen called the meeting of the Rock County Long Term Support Committee to order at 1:03 P.M. on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at the Rock County Job Center.

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Anna Marie Johnson (at 1:05 P.M.) and Supervisor Marilyn Jensen, Joanne Jones, Mary Jane Patch (at 1:05 P.M.), Linda Sanders, Jennifer Thompson, Anne Weirich, and Pat Hubbard, Donna Cavey, Ann Henning, Richard Ziemendorf, and Ed Reich.

Committee Members Absent: Luann Kane, Karen Cain and John Hanewall.

Staff Members Present: Tom Hermans and Steve Hare.

Others Present: Marcy Berner-Reedy, Beloit Meals On Wheels; Diane Skinner, Kelly House; John Weber, Catholic Charities.

Approval of Agenda. Ms. Hubbard moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Ms. Sanders. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes. Joanne Jones moved approval of the minutes of March 2, 2010, second by Richard Ziemendorf. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation. Diane Skinner, Kelly House, stated she is attending due to concerns she has about Family Care.

Financial/Statistical Information.

Human Services. Ms. Thompson explained there is a vacant position (Theresa Talbert) right now that should be filled.

Ms. Thompson added every two years LTS does a review with TMG but there is not a date set yet for the review.

Ms. Thompson directed the committee to the summary page in the packet and discussed with Family Care coming next year LTS has not been taking any more names from the BCA wait list.

Developmental Disabilities. Ms. Jones reviewed the data included in the packet for February 2010 COP Expenditures.

Old Business.

LTC Reform Update. Ms. Thompson advised that Council On Aging and the DD Board, along with Human Services will be meeting with the County Administrator on Monday, May 10th. They will be discussing how Family Care will affect all three of these County budgets.

On May 19th the State will be meeting with Human Services to talk about the implementation of Family Care presumably in July 2011. If that date is determined to be the start date the Aging

and Disability Resource Center will need to be ready by May. She reiterated that these are not definite dates but dates that are being discussed. Ms. Thompson will report back to the committee at the next meeting all the information she receives.

Ms. Thompson advised that an RFP already went out for two other counties but Rock County was not linked to it. There will be other consortiums that the State may link Rock County too. There was discussion on how to advocate for Rock County not to implement Family Care, as Dane County is on hold probably due to vocal DD participants. Vice Chair Jensen urged it is very important for everyone to voice their concerns, not only to the county, but also outside the county.

New Business.

Updates on 2009 COP High Cost Projects. Ms. Thompson shared updates on four specific cases from 2009 that significantly improved lives of the recipients. The first being a male participant needing modifications to his bathroom which has allowed him to be more independent and has helped greatly with skin break down issues. Secondly, an elderly female participant needed a ramp installed to allow her to be mobile. She has recently needed more medical care, and with this ramp her daughter can take her to her appointments and not have to call for expensive transportation. The last two participants were given van lifts which has given both participants mobility and independence.

Approval of COP High Cost Requests. Ms. Thompson asked for approval on three requests: 1) Request for a queen size adjustable bed for \$1,707; 2) Request for a 6' x 7' platform so existing aluminum ramp can be moved for \$1,525; 3) Request for home modifications, widen doors etc. for \$5,423. Vice Chair Jensen moved approval to fund these requests, second by Mr. Reich. ADOPTED.

Committee Member Comments. Mr. Reich talked about his trip to Mexico. He shared information about dietary changes that significantly improved medical outcomes for two specific cases. He passed out photos of Dr. Peat and others.

Marci Berner-Reedy mentioned the March for Meals did raise money for the Meals on Wheels budget. She added she wished people would get started on the Meals on Wheels program sooner as many of the participant's health would be benefited. Chair Johnson mentioned we need to get the word out to more people.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of this Committee will be Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. at the Job Center.

Adjourn. Ms. Thompson moved to adjourn at 2:04 P.M., second by Ms. Jones. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Parson
Secretary I

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