

ROCK COUNTY LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE

March 26, 2013

Call to Order: Chairperson Fell called the meeting of the Rock County Long Term Support Committee to order at 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at Rock County Job Center. (Meeting of March 5th was postponed by inclement weather conditions.) Attendees introduced themselves and agency represented.

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

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

Staff Members Present: Angela Bouton, Michelle Muth, Amanda Amundson, and Gay McRoberts, A.A.

Others Present: Terry Thomas, Human Services Committee supervisor; and an unidentified guest

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

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

Citizen Participation There was no comments. Mr. Thomas clarified his presence was only as observer.

Financial/Statistical Information*:

Human Services Ms. Thompson reported the following:

• LTS Updates:

o STAFF

The department no longer has nurses on its staff with the retirement of Cyndi Garcia. Historically, LTS had nurses in preparation for Family Care. Ms. Amundson was introduced as the newest caseworker, having a work background with the elderly and disabled population. She is assuming some of Ms. Garcia's former caseload. A new supervisor, Melissa Kooiman, begins soon to fill the vacancy left when Steve Hare accepted the ADRC supervisor position. Ms. Kooiman has a vast background with hospice care and elderly care, but will work with staff to learn about the waiver program. Mary Kate Tomczak's role changed since the retirement of Rita Leyes, as she assumed the adult family home coordinator position, combined with AFCSP case management duties. She has been learning more about the homes to match placements much like Ms. Leyes had done.

o INTAKE LINE

The 741-3555 number for reporting abuse and making referrals now bounces directly to 741-3600, the ADRC line, where the Information and Assistant Specialists assess needs and offer options, navigating callers through the various services. Prior to transferring Waiver-eligible cases to LTS, specialists do home visits and functional screening assessments. Ms. Thompson clarified a couple misconceptions printed in a Gazette article. First is the implication that the "one-stop shop" is a shopping center with products. Second is that staff yet to be hired in addition to more I/A Specialists are two Disability Benefit Specialists, but hiring them won't be until fall. They assist with benefit applications or appeals, meeting at ADRC, in homes or set hours at outreach sites. Until then, I/A Specialists do their best to help clients needing this assistance.

• LTS Budget Review:

- o Budget summary page showing statistics through the end of 2012 needs a couple updates: Total COP showing \$14,799 remaining should change to zero, with funds transferred for CLTS cases. CIP-II allows \$116,422 to be kept from 2012 to provide services in 2013. After other adjustments, the final figures for CIP-II and COP-W reflect being under budget about \$118,000. The \$536 remaining for Alzheimer's carries over to the 2013 budget.

- o Waiting List consists mostly of clients waiting for CBRF funding, with efforts in the past made to change that maximum cap. Clients are removed from waiting lists for service where funding is available.
- CLTS Updates:
 - o Financial data should be available soon, with Ms. Jones offering to help CLTS staff track funds. Rock County manages all funds formerly split between Catholic Charities and Rock County. The agencies combined client lists for a more seamless case management of services and programs. High cost funds were used for a van modification and to relocate a family temporarily during a home modification, something that will occur again due to a flaw in the floor that was put down.
 - o A screening committee is formed consisting of representatives from CLTS, Catholic Charities, and respective boards and agencies. It reviews referrals for Waiver eligibility and the placement on or removal from waiting lists. Nine clients have been identified for local COP match. CLTS staffs, Ms. Bouton and Ms. Fearn, serve 14 of the clients with various levels of needs.
 - o Responding to questions, some parents do pay toward services, and home modifications aren't always owned property but changes to rental property must have landlord approval.

Developmental Disabilities

Ms. Jones noted the number of consumers served through December remains unchanged from the last report, but the COP wait list of 281 consumers reflects a decrease of one person.

- For CIP 1A amount spent \$84,882 (3 consumers served, unchanged from last report)
- For CIP 1B amount spent \$626,594 (40 consumers served, unchanged from last report)

Old Business:

Elder Abuse / Adults at Risk: Michelle Muth

Ms. Muth shared that she currently has her heaviest caseload of 18. She has worked with Azura Memory Care to assist with conversion cases (those with mental illness detained under State Statutes Chapter 51 to a mental health facility and converted under State Statute Chapter 55 to guardianship). She experienced hoarding cases, for material and animal excess. Ms. Muth shared how different municipalities and townships have different code regulations, but generally private homes can't be accessed without owner consent, and condemning is more certain if plumbing or electrical problems are found. The code inspector sent a letter to the animal hoarder, who agreed to work with them. Avoiding almost certain condemnation, the other client was granted an extension by working with Ms. Muth. An effort to establish a rapport and gain cooperation in hiring a cleaning agency is ongoing. One of two agencies specializing in hoarder cases is to give an estimate next week, a process that may require use of elder abuse funds. This one includes a follow up visit. Ms. Muth reports a concern that, as an established contact, police attempt to refer directly rather than through the ADRC. Chairman Fell offered to find out when the law enforcement monthly meeting is. Ms. Thompson could inform them of proper procedures at that meeting.

ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) Update / Tour

Update was deferred to allow time for a tour of the facility, which opened March 4th.

New Business

Governor's Budget

Ms. Thompson commented on fact proposed budget did not include expansion of Family Care, despite a group in north east Wisconsin pushing for it. Rock County continues operating under Waiver programs.

Next Meeting The next regular meeting time of the LTS Committee is May 7, 2013.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Jones seconded by Ms. Hubbard.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay McRoberts, Administrative Assistant

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