

ROCK COUNTY LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at the Rock County Job Center

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. All present introduced themselves.

Committee Members Present: Terry Fell, Terry Thomas, Kim Burkhalter, Julie Butz, Stephanie Guetschow, Pat Hubbard, Mary Jane Patch, Anne Weirich, and Jennifer Thompson

Committee Members Absent: Nancy Arnold, Donna Cavey, John Hanewall, and Ann Henning

Staff Members Present: Jennifer Anselmi and Gay McRoberts.

Others Present: Ellen Wiegand, Beloit MOW

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

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

Citizen Participation

Ms. Wiegand reports that the Beloit Meals on Wheels is preparing for their annual meeting, to be held July 19th at the Beloit Club. Cost is \$15 to include Hors d'Oeuvres appetizers and dessert.

Financial/Statistical Information:

Human Services

• LTS Updates and Budget Status:

There are no dollar reports, first because we're closing out the end of the past year and second, there's no allocations set from the state as we'll be through serving people by November. Ms. Thompson reports that the update provided is not a good representation as we are no longer serving new people but are ramping up for the Family Care transition. Waiver program participant numbers were steady through June, but will drop significantly effective July 1st with Family Care enrollments.

The waiting list figures are a reflection as of June 20th, but was actually frozen April 1, and any potentially eligible callers as of June 28th are placed on a queue in ADRC. These individuals will be screened by February 2017 and placed on the waitlist as of the day they called the ADRC.

As people are closed for any reason from Nursing Home Diversion or Community Relocation Initiative funding, the slots are not being refilled with another person.

• CLTS Waiver Program Updates:

Ms. Butz reports that 24 of the adults that were on the Children's Waiver and eligible for Family Care have transitioned to Family Care effective July 1st. Most moves are planned for August 1st. There are 153 remaining being served plus more on a waiting list that can move off and into slots vacated by those adults. It is yet to be determined what happens to children transitioning to adulthood.

Developmental Disabilities

There were no representatives at today's meeting, and no report provided. Chairman Fell requested Ms. Thompson contact Mr. Hanewall concerning attendance at the September meeting. The committee requests a final wrap up report.

Old Business:

Family Care Transition Update

Effective July 1st, 685 persons have signed up for Managed Care. The final group session for enrollment information is Wednesday. After that, ADRC staff will reach out individually to those not enrolled. A

letter sent out explains that Family Care won't go away, and that funding ends for any not enrolled by October 12th for the November 1st final deadline. Everyone is actively involved, including case managers, in efforts to make this a success. The MCO's explain that ISP's are honored a minimum of 45-60 days. Providers are to be notified by the MCO care manager to set up service, and to ensure understanding should the current worker or family member have misunderstood plans. Ms. Thompson recommended providers call the MCO for information. Mr. Thomas stated he has applied to serve on a CCCW transition committee, scheduled July 22nd at 1 PM at Holiday Inn Express. This committee would provide for understanding what all is entailed by the transition.

Future COP Committee Update

This committee will no longer be needed to direct how COP funding is used effective November 7th (with last COP meeting scheduled November 1st). Allocations for Elderly and Disabled are followed by Family Care and for mentally ill clients goes through the mental health division. A Children's COP committee needs to exist to direct that funding, formerly monitored through a Family Support Committee, and with the same requirements for certain target group representations as this LTS Committee held. Ms. Thompson requested Ms. Butz send an email to herself and Ms. McRoberts by September's meeting date, to assess a need for any extra support.

New Business

Praise and Recognition of Staff

In lieu of a success story, Ms. Thompson shared a letter received from a client's family member in praise of one of the social workers. She stated she plans to also share it with the HSD Board; Chairman Fell requests it be shared with the full County Board, too.

Ms. Thompson added that, while Ms. O'Donnell may have made an impression on this person, others do a good job as well, but this person took the time to put his appreciation in writing.

Family Care Changes to Current Operations

Wait List

The waitlist was froze as of April 1st; anyone needing public funding after that date was placed on a queue. Individuals on the queue will be screened and then placed on the end of the waitlist if found functionally eligible.

Individuals will be taken off the waitlist beginning November 2016. Individuals will come off the waitlist based on the transition plan the State sets forth. Those on the queue have priority over new requests called in to ADRC.

Nursing Home Diversion Slots

These slots don't exist for new cases. The name is changed to "urgent services" and covers the need for assistance not funding, but the State has other criteria if lack of money is a reason the person is likely to need a move to a nursing home.

Community Relocation slots

This funding source is for those residing in a nursing home. This now has a capacity issue, meaning there are not enough ADRC staff to assist in relocations. Clients currently placed out of county likely are to be stabilized medically; once done, the Court Service Officer assesses them for a move to urgent services status, and then to transition to Family Care services.

The question was raised concerning facilities for treatment. Mental health facilities include two State facilities, and the County contracted Harper's Place. There is no County psych hospital. The County Nursing Home has oversight regarding admissions of residents with a history of behavior problems. There are concerns for homeless and others needing services. The committee requested inviting Sue Prostko, Nursing Home Administrator, as a guest in September to explain their criteria for admissions.

Family Care Transition Experiences

ADRC staff have done presentations and home visits and hear how things are going for families. Some have made their choice in Family Care agency and have since changed their minds to work with one of

the other options. There are 3 choices: IRIS (self-directed, with case managers monitoring costs spent); and 2 MCO's, staffed by a nurse and social worker directing care.

Adult Protective Services Unit – Update

Ms. Anselmi, currently LTS supervisor, becomes the supervisor for an APS unit. Ms. Muth's workload has been 100% focused on investigating reports. Ms. Stevenson had a case load split between Waiver cases and investigating abuse reports and will assume primary responsibilities to investigate reports of abuse of DD clientele. Ms. Jenny Dopkins, the Court Services Officer, will continue with Chapter 55 placements, guardianships and 51/55 conversions. Her WATTS reviews will be given to Katie Springer. Ms. Anselmi will be available for presentations, community outreach and supervision of these workers. The unit is funded by the State and a tax levy.

Long Term Support Committee Terms

Ms. Thompson explained the need to sign the form circulated to indicate continued interest to serve on this committee is only through the end of this year, when the committee is no longer needed.

Committee Member Comments

Mr. Burkhalter wanted to be sure everyone is aware that the Janesville Transit System requires exact change to ride effective July 18th.

Chairman Fell expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet Mr. Bancroft at the last meeting, and suggested efforts be made to get him signed up with the MCO's to continue his work.

Ms. Guetschow had some questions concerning MCO numbers.

Future Meeting Date:

The next meeting date is September 6, 2016. Call Ms. Thompson at 741-3684 (or email Ms. McRoberts) if unable to attend a meeting, to ensure we have a quorum. The committee suggested keeping the scheduled November 1st date as a closure date for the committee, with munchies provided.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Weirich, seconded by Mr. Thomas. APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gay McRoberts, Administrative Assistant

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