

ROCK COUNTY LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Jan. 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 1:04 p.m. All present introduced themselves.

Committee Members Present: Terry Fell, Nancy Arnold, Kim Burkhalter, Julie Butz, Donna Cavey, Jeanine Froeber (for John Hanewall), Stephanie Guetschow, Pat Hubbard, Mary Jane Patch, Anne Weirich and Jennifer Thompson

Committee Members Absent: Terry Thomas and Ann Henning

Staff Members Present: Jennifer Anselmi, Melissa Kooiman, Tammy Stevenson, Mary Kate Tomczak, Dryw Anderson, Shelly Gerhke, Meredith Vitaioli, and Gay McRoberts.

Others Present: Ellen Wiegand, Beloit MOW; Lucille Braden

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Thompson apologized for full packets not being available per normal practice, due to time off for vacations and holidays, but stated that the agenda and minutes were available online at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Ms. Patch moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Weirich. APPROVED

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Hubbard moved to approve minutes, seconded by Ms. Cavey. APPROVED.

Citizen Participation

Ms. Wiegand reports that Beloit Meals on Wheels has a noticeable increase in participants, with 27,000 in 2014 and about 33,000 in 2015. She confirmed news of Alliant Energy partnering with Second Harvest to make more food available to needy citizens locally.

Financial/Statistical Information:

Human Services

• LTS Updates and Budget Status:

Ms. Thompson reviewed the reports submitted, anticipating final figures for 2015 at the next meeting. Ninety-eight are on a waiting list, 29 of these for CBRF funding with 19 of them currently served in their homes but needing more help. Staff are assessing 45 people for eligibility for services and sent nine applications to the State, awaiting approval. We're seeking approval to backdate their funding to 2015. To answer a question regarding reaching desired proportions for each target group, the current policy is to serve first come first served regardless of the category the client fit in rather than keep someone on a waiting list because someone from the other category needs served to reach the proportion. In the summary page, the COP-W and CIP waiver expenditures are almost to the dollar on budget, which is good because it usually can't be carried over and means the supervisors are doing a great job monitoring the wait list to provide services when money is available.

• CLTS Waiver Program Updates:

Ms. Butz reviewed the submitted report, adding that additional case managers that were approved last year allowed them to serve 29 more clients this year. She shared that High Cost Awards listed don't include 3 others completed in December, one for a bathroom remodel, one for changing a first floor door, and another vehicle remodel. Ms. Thompson added that there was only one case in LTS requiring use of these special funds, but wondered aloud what would happen to these high cost dollar funds under Family Care. Ms. Butz continued on the success of developing a shift staff foster home aimed at transition three children from an institution to a Rock County residence. Due to their higher level of care, the foster home is staffed 24/7 by shift staff and managed by a program manager who acts as the foster parent, managing staff and directing the child's care without actually providing the daily care. The home is a duplex with 2 beds on each side. One child resides alone on one side until and if a good match is found for that child.

Developmental Disabilities

Ms. Froeber reviewed the submitted report with information through October 2015. Information in the report includes the following.

- The CIP 1A amount was \$92,176. (3 consumers served, unchanged from last report).
- The CIP 1B amount spent was \$592,775. (40 consumers served, unchanged from last report).
- There are 155 consumers on the waiting list, down by one from the last report, due to a death.

Old Business:

Family Care Update

We should learn within the next two weeks when the State Legislature returns to session if they put to vote moving forward with Family Care to Rock County. In the meantime, Jen Patrick, DD director, Steve Hare, ADRC supervisor, Melissa Kooiman and Jennifer Anselmi, LTS supervisors, and Ms. Thompson, ADRC/LTS division manager, have all been meeting to discuss issues. They are assessing how some unique positions would operate once Family Care arrives, such as the guardianship cases and WATTS reviews, and the Adults at Risk cases. We need a system worked out to have Functional Screens updated before the new MCO takes over. There's concern for staff who may need to find a different position, or are already seeking one, and a desire to assist in their transitions.

Elder Abuse / Adults At Risk – Updates by the EAN Team

- Statistically, there were 17 new referrals in December, with a total of 199 for the year, 174 elderly and 25 adults at risk. The busiest month was in September with 29, but there were 7 new ones in this past week alone. Ms. Stevenson promised a more complete report on 2015 at the next meeting. Referrals are more complex. Initially a call is under one type abuse, but investigations shows other issues that need dealt with.
- A success story shared by Ms. Kooiman pointed out the complications that they run into, with an elderly man living in a home with a friend. A son was a truck driver who was never there, but identified as power of attorney for finances. The investigation revealed various problems, including physical abuse and finding out the property was condemned. As of yesterday alternate placement was found for him.

New Business

Mental Health / CSP Program and COP

Ms. Gehrke distributed a handout explaining what the CSP program entailed. Clients are those whose severe and persistent mental illness has resulted in years of hospitalization and/or jail. At Beloit, about 100 clients are served by ten staff who go into the community to work with them. At Janesville, there are 2 teams who serve over 160 persons. Staff are rarely in the office. COP supplements clients' incomes, to help fund food, rides, clothes, utility bills, cleaning services, meals on wheels, medical equipment, or specialized therapy such as SMILES horse riding or an art studio. Services may include bus passes to jobs or respite with an adult family home. It helps in providing stability to people who are fragile and offers flexibility in use and eligibility requirements. Ms. Thompson shared that the COP money comes from a \$1.1 million dollar budget where 57% went toward serving mentally ill at the beginning of the year, and another percentage directed to serving CLTS clients, with the remainder being available for LTS. This is a change from previous years, in advance of Family Care being offered to LTS clients.

AFCSP

Ms. Tomczak, who introduced herself as AFH Coordinator, has a dual role. She also monitors an AFCSP grant, used to assist clients with dementia or memory impairments with personal care needs, respite care, or other expenses. A certain amount of dollars is made available to each county as a grant every year, and for Rock County, that amount is \$2000 per client serving approximately 40 clients, but not all 40 get the full amount. Whatever is left after one client's death can be used up by another person, allowing that person to come off a waiting list. There is no asset limit, but if the household income is over \$40,000, for example, there are ways to be flexible, taking insurance or other medical costs into consideration. Another program called NFCSP through the Council on Aging is a grant of \$500, but clients can't double dip into the two funds and must use AFCSP first if eligible.

Updated Wait List Policy

This update to the wait list policy in place is presented to this committee for review and approval. Changes were highlighted. Ms. Froeber moved to approve the amended policy, seconded by Ms. Arnold. APPROVED.

Committee Member Comments

Ms. Thompson assessed the committee members on their interest in the topic of home modification projects, with agreement to her offer to invite Walt Bancroft to review projects he has work with LTS on.

Future Meeting Date:

The next meeting date is March 1, 2016. Call Ms. Thompson at 741-3684 (or email Ms. McRoberts) if unable to attend a meeting, to ensure we have a quorum.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Weirich, seconded by Ms. Guetschow. APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay McRoberts, Administrative Assistant

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