

ROCK COUNTY LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE
March 6, 2012

Call to Order: Chairperson Fell called the meeting of the Rock County Long Term Support Committee to order at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at the Rock County Job Center. Meeting began with all attendees introducing themselves and agency represented.

Committee Members Present: Donna Cavey, Terry Fell, Ann Henning, Pat Hubbard, Marilyn Jensen, John Hanewall, Mary Jane Patch, Michael Santucci, Jennifer Thompson, Anne Weirich, and for Tera O'Connor was Angela Bouton, CLTS staff member.

Committee Members Absent: Linda Sanders

Staff Members Present: Jennifer Anselmi, Steve Hare, and Gay McRoberts, A.A.

Others Present: Marcy Berner-Reedy/ Beloit Meals on Wheels; Terry Thomas, representative of Human Services Board, and Lucille Braden.

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Thompson moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Ms. Henning. APPROVED

Approval of Minutes Ms. Jensen moved approval of the January minutes, amended to show Ms. Patch was not present. Motion seconded by Ms. Weirich. APPROVED

Citizen Participation Ms. Berner-Reedy, Beloit Meals on Wheels, distributed a newsletter and explained some of its contents. In March, the annual "March for Meals" fundraiser has participating restaurants offer a portion of their costs to efforts to raise awareness of senior hunger in the Stateline area. An added fundraiser this year is 5K-run/1 mile walk titled "Mushing for Meals", taking place March 31st.

Financial/Statistical Information:

Human Services Ms. Thompson reported the following:

- LTS Updates:
 - Staff: Interviews occur tomorrow for the position of Social Worker/case manager who would handle all elder abuse and adult at risk reports, plus complete WATT reviews for those individuals protectively placed. This would fill the vacancy left when Jenny Dopkins accepted the Court Service Officer position vacated by retirement of Karla Nitz.
 - COP Plan: The plan questionnaire had only one change from previous plans, the case management rate decreasing from \$111.45 to \$111.00 due to changes in payroll contributions to Wisconsin Retirement System.
- LTS Budget Review:
 - The waiting list should show 2/28/2012, not 2011. A list may be implemented by the end of this month with workers carrying full caseloads.
 - The "Significant Proportion" report reflects a greater percentage of elderly being served and meeting target requirements, though whoever comes thru is served regardless of target population.
 - Figures are not final thru 2011 due to last minute bills, so a clearer figure will be known at the May meeting. COP is close to \$140,000 over budget. When over budget, money set in a risk reserve is able to cover this overage, but that doesn't include the help we are giving CLTS, possibly an additional \$70,000. The Alzheimer's program reflects a balance due to a late refund.
 - State says with Family Care classic COP dollars spent on Mental Health and Children's population remain in the county, so the director's plan is to keep funds to serve those groups.

• **CLTS Updates:**

- Currently, this program has 6 open cases, 31 on a waiting list and 14 being screened for service. A new program called Compass Community Screening for Children, encompassing Family Support, Katie Beckett, and COP waiver programs, will begin screening new referrals.
- The CLTS brochure was distributed.
- More specifics on dollars put into CLTS should become available, as there's many questions yet on how to record CLTS services, now paid thru a third party administrator instead of the HSRS recording system used by our Waiver program.

Developmental Disabilities

Mr. Hanewall reports little change from previous reports, and concurs that the DD Unit, like LTS, is looking at how to maximize COP funds in conjunction with CIP and funds for those with brain trauma. The DD department is also looking at the CompassWisconsin:Threshold Program doing intakes of children, freeing staff for more actual case management time, anticipating a May target date to start this.

- For CIP 1A amount spent \$82,993 (3 consumers served, unchanged from last report)
- For CIP 1B amount spent \$569,303 (40 consumers served, unchanged from last report)

Currently there are 292 consumers on the COP waiting list, unchanged from last report.

Old Business:

ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) Update Ms. Thompson, with supervisors Hare and Anselmi, have been following the legislative process, with a vote taking place today that would determine if the lift on the cap on Family Care simply releases dollars to those with it already or expands to include counties like Rock County that don't already have it.

Membership

There are two potential new members, after final approval by the County Board Thursday, who would represent the target populations of chronically mentally ill and those with substance abuse.

New Business:

Acronyms

Ms. Thompson provided a list of acronyms on suggestion of a new committee member, tailoring it specifically to Rock County from of the State website. Noted in discussion the CLTS acronym needs added.

Committee Member Comments

Ms. Thompson noted March is also Social Worker month, and shared that the gifts of appreciation she and the supervisors gave to the LTS staff had the Starfish Poem, about making a difference if only to one individual. After Ms. Henning told a testimony from a client on how work with LTS made a difference in her ability to be independent at home, others discussed the importance of hearing these. Success stories, whether by LTS, CLTS or DD, maintain a picture of the work being about the people. Although budget is an important part of the committee, the people are why the committee is here. Chairperson Fell offered the idea to submit a paragraph as part of the County Board packet monthly, to help keep people aware of the work being done. Discussed a former program where County Board representatives were authorized to interview clients of varied services, which ended when deemed counterproductive.

Next Meeting The next meeting of the LTS Committee will be on Tuesday, May 1, 2012.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Weirich seconded by Ms. Henning.

Respectfully submitted,
Gay McRoberts, Administrative Assistant

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