

# ROCK COUNTY LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE

September 2, 2014

**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. on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at Rock County Job Center Room D/E.

**Committee Members Present:** Terry Fell, Terry Thomas, Anne Weirich, Donna Cavey, Joanne Foss, Pat Hubbard, Mary Jane Patch, Michael Santucci, and Jennifer Thompson

**Committee Members Absent:** Ann Henning, Linda Sanders, and Angela Bouton

**Staff Members Present:** Jennifer Anselmi, Melissa Kooiman, Roseann Tremain, Jessica Pech and Gay McRoberts.

**Others Present:** Marcy Berner-Reedy of Beloit Meals on Wheels

**Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Thomas moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Santucci.  
APPROVED

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

**Citizen Participation**  
No comments offered.

## **Financial/Statistical Information:**

### **Human Services**

- LTS Budget Review under the Summary page and Updates:

Ms. Thompson shared that, with COP expenditures projected to be over-budget, some services are on hold. In a worse-case scenario, there is money available to tap into to cover the overage. COP funds room and board, while Waiver covers the care side of services. COPW and CIPII under the Waiver program are doing well.

We did need to incorporate a waiting list, the number on it jumping from 30 two months ago to 46 now. Of these, 23 are for CBRF, probably due to needing COP funds for room and board costs. Eight receive services but have an additional service need. The 2014 case graph doesn't include 19 being screened for services and 9 awaiting approval for services.

Response to a question on the impact of Family Care with regard to this waiting list is that Family Care eliminates the waiting list within 3 years, but any MCO applying to service Rock County would have to show they are capable of providing all needed services to all on waiting lists, including the DD population as well as frail elderly and physically disabled.

- CLTS Waiver Program Updates:

No report submitted.

### **Developmental Disabilities**

Ms. Foss shared that the DDB waiting list of 157 is unchanged from last report.

- For CIP 1A amount spent \$44,330 (3 consumers served, unchanged from last report)
- For CIP 1B amount spent \$337,723 (40 consumers served, unchanged from last report)

## **Old Business:**

### **Elder Abuse / Adults At Risk - Update**

- Jessica Pech was introduced as a second abuse and neglect investigator after approval granted for an additional half-time position. Calls for investigations increased beyond what Ms. Muth could

do, as reports require follow up within 24 hours of the report and are time consuming. Other workers continue to be assigned cases when necessary, though also busy with waiver cases.

- In absence of Ms. Muth this month, partial statistics are offered. In August, there were 5 financial exploitation reports, 7 neglect reports and 2 physical abuse investigations.
- An ongoing case involves a client with “emotional incontinence” plus physical co-morbid factors affecting anyone being able to assist. Court proceedings approved a guardianship.
- Ms. Pech reports she is finding simple referrals are much more involved, such as when investigating a financial exploitation report and interrupting a sexual assault. (The perpetrator was arrested, but not for that act. A prior relationship would make prosecution difficult.)
- Ms. Thompson added that designated Elder Abuse funds to serve those over 60 years of age are available, but funds are lacking for those adults at risk between 18 and 59, though we are still mandated to serve them. In 2013, Ms. Muth found alternate means to fund services, resulting in only about half of EAN funds being used. More EAN funds are being used in 2014.
- More reports are coming through the ADRC than last year, attributable to various factors, including PR by Ms. Muth and Ms. Kooiman, access to a specific investigative worker, and an established relationship with the authorities. Calls do come to ADRC that don’t meet the level of vulnerability for investigating. Presentations are scheduled and more requested, with a goal to educate the public, police and fire officials, and home health agencies on when to make reports.

### **2014 Home Modification Projects**

Ms. Thompson explained that last year bidding on home modification projects changed from going through Rock County’s Planning Department to a contractor, Walt Bancroft. Ms. Tremain shared that she has periods of no requests, as prior to requesting projects, she evaluates if relocating is more feasible, or takes in account other options. This year, she had six, 3 completed and 3 in progress. Two of the completed projects were bathroom remodels in homes with handicap accessible work already done in other areas. The third involved putting a stair lift in place to allow access to a lower level garage. The layout of the home and property prevent the client from leaving home, so this lift was the best choice to regain and maintain the client’s independence.

Of the projects in progress, one has been on hold 11 months. Delays are in part because of red tape of the County bidding process, and difficulty at times getting the required minimum of three bidders. Once approved, contractors may place it lower on their priorities when larger projects come to them. If the project is under \$5000 and already approved, Mr. Bancroft could change subcontractors; if it is over \$5000, the bidding process must begin again. Committee members discussed placing time lines for completion of a project once a bid has been awarded to a contractor, with the disclaimer added that the project fulfills a need for people with a medical issue. Ms. Thompson offered to request Jodi Millis, responsible for the bidding process, to attend as a speaker at the next meeting and answer questions on if timelines are included. Committee also requested updates on these projects at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **Adult Family Home Standards**

Ms. Anselmi gave a quick synopsis of changes to AFH standards. Ms. Mary Kate Thompson is the certifier of Rock County AFHs, and met with all providers to review the standards, which changed from over 20 pages to over 70. These leave less room from free interpretation, defining things more. Specifically covered are safety concerns (water temperature, smoke detectors, clients with communicable diseases); new or revised policies and forms (client rights, rate assessment tool, others); and respite care. (All providers have opportunity now, once approved, to use the home up to 90 days per year for respite care. The 90 days covers the home, not the client.) There’s ongoing discussion how to address concealed carry licenses, whether of a client or provider.

#### **Lutheran Social Services - Update**

LSS is ending its day care services effective October 1<sup>st</sup>. This loss is due to moves by the State toward a more community-based vs. facility based service. Recognizing this loss in activities for the client is also a loss in time away for caregivers. LSS provided options such as Meaningful Day, where a worker picks up

a client for a movie, coffee or other activity, but for a more limited time than the day care. A Mind and Body “course” offered out of Lutheran Social Services’ Beloit office can be taken as often as desired, serving clients longer periods. (Also missed with closing of LSS Day Service is transportation to and from the location and an assistance with bathing service.) Kandu, which has an Adult Day Program, added guardianship after that service was removed by LSS, and is considering an expansion to fill this need.

**Committee Member Comments**

No comments offered.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

The last 2014 meeting is November 4, 2014. Call Ms. Thompson at 741-3684 if unable to attend, to ensure we have a quorum.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Patch. APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay McRoberts, Administrative Assistant

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