

ROCK COUNTY LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE
January 3, 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, January 3, 2012 at the Rock County Job Center. Meeting began recognizing new committee members with all attendees introducing themselves and agency represented.

Committee Members Present: Donna Cavey, Terry Fell, Ann Henning, Pat Hubbard, Marilyn Jensen, Joanne Jones, Mary Jane Patch, Linda Sanders, Michael Santucci, Jennifer Thompson, Anne Weirich, and for Tera O'Connor were Angela Bouton and Kelly Fearn, CLTS staff members.

Committee Members Absent: none

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

Others Present: Marcy Berner-Reedy/ Beloit Meals on Wheels.

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Cavey moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Ms. Weirich.
APPROVED

Approval of Minutes Ms. Jensen moved approval of the November minutes, with recommendation to remove John Hanewall from list of absent members whenever Ms. Jones attends to represent him. Motion seconded by Ms. Sanders. APPROVED

Citizen Participation Ms. Berner-Reedy/Beloit Meals on Wheels commented that her agency served 10% more in 2011 using fewer funds. She offered to share their newsletter with any interested committee members via e-mail. Discussed possibility of including it with packet information.

Financial/Statistical Information:

Human Services Ms. Thompson reported the following:

- LTS Updates: Effective January 9th the LTS Unit is fully staffed, adding two new LTS workers since the last meeting. Lou Cheplak also returns for a 6-month term, replacing Donna Hanson as Intake worker.
- LTS Budget Review: Program information doesn't cover for all of 2011. As of this date, COP dollars went over budget but Waiver dollars appear under budget, at least until all bills are in; we should have a better picture in March or April. Alzheimer dollars must be 100% of the budget by year-end.
- CLTS Waiver Program: The number of clients open is about the same, at or near 25, but with a potential for more being assessed for services.

CLTS staff answered questions concerning homes being modified and helped clarify the difference between their duties and that of Family Crisis Staff.

Developmental Disabilities

Ms. Jones reviewed data for COP Expenditures through October 2011 from the packet report.

- For CIP 1A amount spent \$68,001 (3 consumers served, unchanged from last report)
- For CIP 1B amount spent \$489,032 (40 consumers served, unchanged from last report)

Currently there are 292 consumers on the COP waiting list, a decrease of 6 from last report.

Old Business:

ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) Update Ms. Thompson reviewed changes beginning with the announcement last week by Governor Walker of plans to lift the cap on Family Care, though it is unclear exactly when. Rock County hopes to use the previous recommended plan from December 2010 plan if this moves forward.

Reviewed reasons to have ADRC as 1) marketing funds available to reach out to people and help them preserve their assets before a need to use public assistance; 2) \$1.3 million allocated to Rock County to operate the ADRC, with ability to earn more with Medicaid match money. Reasons for moving cautiously include watching other counties: 1) besides Rock County, some such as nearby Dane, remain resistive to Family Care, and 2) some such as Brown retain the Waiver Program coupled with an ADRC without adding Family Care.

Membership

There is still a need for mentally ill, physically disabled, and chemically dependent client or family representation on this committee, and CLTS clients or family should be invited. Ms. Thompson continues efforts to obtain names from other agency managers and supervisors. She'll contact more names identified today.

New Business:

Approval of COP funds while Institutionalized

Ms. Thompson requested approval for use of COP funds to cover CBRF bed holds on three individuals hospitalized or in a nursing home over 30 days, and avoid use of BCA dollars. One from March 5 to April 18 requires \$3,561.30 paid to hold the bed for that period of time; one from Feb. 17 to March 31 requires \$3,218.09; and the third had over 45 days but per our policy only those days from June 14 to August 3 are requested to be covered at a cost of \$3,263.87. Ms. Henning moved approval to fund this request, seconded by Ms. Weirich. LTS staffs have been asked to be watchful of these cases to stop holds before 45 days passes if there is doubt the client will return to the CBRF.

Success Stories

Ms. Thompson reiterated that Jenny Dopkins is assigned as the sole person to assess EAN/AAR cases, but is unable to be at today's meeting due to the number of cases referred to us.

CLTS staffs were asked to offer success stories. Waiver dollars purchased a generator that cut fear of power outages that would stop life-supporting equipment. Some clients served are doing so well they are no longer eligible but efforts are made to connect them to ongoing services and prevent further need. Home modification moneys have included modifying two vans. Ms. Jensen suggested being watchful for grant opportunities to fund some projects.

Committee Member Comments

Health Department has dollars available to test homes for lead or to give recommendations. Usually it covers homes with children aged 5 and under. Others may qualify especially if there was an abnormal blood test, in which follow up continues until it is normal, or if there is a home being remodeled. Homes may be rental or owned.

Health Department offers a healthy home program, a one-hour safety inspection with freebies like child gates and outlet plugs.

Brochures are available describing both programs and will be sent for CLTS information, and to Mr. Santucci, per request.

Next Meeting The next meeting of the LTS Committee will be on Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourn at 1:58 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Weirich seconded by Ms. Jones.

Respectfully submitted,
Gay McRoberts, Administrative Assistant

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