

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 12, 2007**

PRESENT: Dennis Farrell, Glenn Lee, Lorraine Lee, Kurt Roskopf, Missy Kueht-Becker, Carolyn Lien, Jamie Zuelsdorf, Sandy Summerfield, Lee Wolfs, Linda Laake, Doreen Eicher, Debra Patterson, Julia Loritz, Eugene Zacharyasz, Kevin Silkey, Sandi Bednarski

STAFF PRESENT: Jack Bodien

Julia Loritz called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Committee members exchanged introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2007

No minutes were available to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM MEMBERS OR GUESTS

Glenn Lee commented about the snow removal along Main Street by Art Links in Waukesha. He stated that if Waukesha wants to be number one, they could do a better job to take care of their streets in inclement weather. On behalf of the People Can't Wait Coalition, Doreen Eicher will make a note of this instance and ask the city of Waukesha for action regarding removal of snow during inclement weather. A suggestion may be to haul the excess snow away from the streets.

DDAC REPORTS

A. Health & Human Services Board

Dennis Farrell reported the Department of Senior Services and the Health and Human Services Long Term Care Division will merge to form the ADRC. Approximately \$500,000 has been put into the capital budget. The ADRC will occupy the area that is currently occupied by the Records Department staff and client files. Mobile manufactured buildings have been purchased from Curative Ranch Community Services and will be located on the west end of the Human Services Center building. The mobile manufactured buildings will house the Records staff and client files.

Dennis spoke of an article in the Sunday Milwaukee Journal about the history surrounding the Human Services Center building. Formerly a spa which was built in 1911, there seems to be some serious considerations about raising or building a new building. Because of its historical

level, there appears to be some opposition to destroying the building, and some would like to see the building restored back to a hotel.

Dates for upcoming HHS Board and Committee meetings are:

January 31, 2008 – HHS Board meeting

February 28, 2008 – DDAC Needs List Presentation to the HHS Board and Committee

March 13, 2008 – AODA/MH Needs List Presentation to the HHS Board and Committee

March 27, 2008 – CAFSAC/Public Health Needs List Presentation to the HHS Board and Committee

HHS Public Hearing will be the 1st or 2nd week in May 2008. More details will be forthcoming.

B. Family Support

No Report.

C. Long Term Care Manager

As Dennis Farrell mentioned earlier, Jack Bodien reiterated that the amendment for the ADRC budget did pass. The lower level east wing of the Human Services Center will be remodeled to accommodate the new entrance for the ADRC.

- January 2008 informational meetings will be opened to the public and geared toward consumers and their families.
- February 2008, provider meetings specific to 1 and 2 bed adult family homes, and general provider sessions will be held. At that time, we will hear from the two MCO's – Community Care and CARE Wisconsin.
- March 2008 we will receive funding for the building modifications. The ADRC will be located near the Veterans Department. The application has been completed and submitted. Staff of the LTC division will transition their clients to the managed care organizations, then transition to the ADRC and become ADRC Specialists.
- July 1, 2008 we will begin to transfer individuals who are currently on the waiver, this is the first month where we can take individuals off of the waiting list.

There are approximately 800 individuals on the wait list. Once the case managers transition their clients, they too will then transition over to the ADRC.

D. Birth to Three

Missy Kueht-Becker reported that Lutheran Social Services Birth to Three Program has been busy. In August 2007, representatives from Lutheran Social Services and Waukesha County met with representatives from the State regarding concerns with limited funding and the high insurance deductibles that LSS would have to absorb before insurance reimburses for services. LSS is following up with the State and requesting that the formula that is used to determine each county's funding allocation is fair, equitable, and based on a per child basis.

E. Continuing Education/Technical School

No Report.

F. Transportation Subcommittee

No Report.

G. People Can't Wait Coalition

The group met this morning and discussed agenda items for the 2008 Advocacy Training, for parents and for self-advocates. The next meeting will be on February 1, 2008, 9:00 a.m. at Heinemann's Restaurant. All are welcomed to attend.

H. Direct Caregivers Report

No Report.

I. Regional Office Updates

Carolyn Lien shared information on:

- The self-directed supports waiver was approved on December 6, 2007 with a start date of January 1, 2008. This is a three-year self-directed supports option; no provider has been selected to date.
- Health Disparities Transportation Committee – A new chairperson will be appointed to this committee and assist with issues throughout the region.
- 2008 Calendar of events from the Southeastern Regional Training Group.
 - February -- Topic: Behavioral Signs of Medical Conditions
 - April or May – Topic: HIPAA
 - June – Topic: Promoting Independence and Minimizing Risk
 - September – Topic: Effective Communication
 - October – Topic: Crisis Intervention

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the DDAC will be held on January 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Goodwill on Nike Drive in Waukesha.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Linda Johnson

Approved on _____
Date