

**LONG TERM CARE PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2007**

Members Present: Duane Paulson, Marlene Fox, Shirley Main, Dennis Farrell, Jennifer Goetz, Geri Heppe, Sandy Wolff, Debra Bertachini, Diane Begos, Barry Metevia

Staff Present: Mark Komppa

Others Present: Jeannine Bayer

Sandy Wolff called the Long Term Care Planning Committee to order at 3:24 p.m.

Announcements, Comments, and Questions from Members

Committee members thanked Debra Bertachini and the Regency for their hospitality in hosting the Long Term Care Planning Committee meeting at their facility in Brookfield.

Committee members thanked Sandy Wolf for her dedication as a County Supervisor for the past 20 years, as she has decided not to run for re-election.

Public Comment

None.

Review and Approval of Minutes of September 19, 2007

Duane Paulson made a motion, seconded by Barry Metevia to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2007 meeting. The motion was voted on and carried.

Waiting List Update

Mark Komppa presented the status of the Long Term Care Waiting Lists. As of today, there are:

- 443 individuals on the frail elderly waiting lists,
- 164 individuals on the physically disabled waiting list,
- 39 individuals on the Alzheimer waiting list, and
- 161 individuals on the developmentally disabled waiting list.

Managed Care Update

The Long Term Care Division and the Department of Senior Services will join together to form the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center beginning on 4/1/08. This will be a newly created Department within County government. The ADRC will be responsible for providing a comprehensive single point of entry for citizens seeking assistance with long term care issues.

Staff at the ADRC will assist citizens in navigating the various LTC programs that are available to them, and assist them in enrollment to Family Care if appropriate.

The ADRC will be located in the lower level east wing of the Human Service Center.

That space is currently used to store agency records. Those records are being moved to mobile manufactured buildings which will be set up in the west parking lot of the Human Service Center. The former Records area will be remodeled into office space to house the ADRC.

Community Care Inc. and Care Wisconsin are the two MCO's that will be operating in Waukesha County. They begin operation on July 1, 2008. Public meetings have been scheduled to educate consumers and providers about the transition to managed care. There will be three meetings for consumers and two for providers.

Long Term Care Division staff will begin transferring existing MA Waiver cases to the two MCO's on 7/1/08 and all cases will transition by the end of 2008. In addition, approximately 30-35 cases to the MCO's per month will transition from the waiting lists over a two year period. This will be a very busy time for the Department.

Review of High Cost COP Requests

Mark Komppa presented several different requests for high cost funds. The State of Wisconsin has made these funds available to counties who request them on a first come, first served basis. These funds are to be used for high cost single items for clients currently on Medicare Waiver funding. These funds do not interfere with normal services to our clients and do not impede anyone from coming off our waiting list.

1. This gentleman is placed in a specialized group home in Duluth due to very serious behavior problems. He is in need of dental work which can only be done in a hospital while he is under sedation. The facility that will perform the dental work is 150 miles from the client's residence. The request is for \$1,502.00 for specialized transportation with two safety staff in the vehicle. There will be a total of four trips.

MOTION: Dennis Farrell made a motion, seconded by Geri Heppe to approve the request. The motion was voted on and carried.

2. Client is a 43 year old individual with a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis. At the September 19, 2007 meeting the Committee approved the total cost of a new scooter with a power elevating seat because it was determined not to be cost effective to repair her existing scooter, total cost approved – \$2,845.00. Now, it has been determined that the platform of the original scooter picked out in 2007 is not appropriate for the clients length of legs, thus needing to go to a larger model with a larger platform, additional cost of \$900.00.

MOTION: Duane Paulson made a motion, seconded by Dennis Farrell to approve the request. The motion was voted on and carried.

3. Client is a young disabled individual who was transferred from Milwaukee County. Client has a CIP II waiver program slot that he brought with him from Milwaukee. The client is in need of an Easy Stand, and this piece of equipment is the type that would really benefit this young client. This piece of equipment will allow the individual to get into a standing position for parts of the day which promotes better circulation and breathing as well as reducing the risk of skin breakdown. Total cost is \$8,352.00.

MOTION: Duane Paulson made a motion, seconded by Dennis Farrell to approve the request. The motion was voted on and carried.

Review of High Cost CIP 1B Placement

Joan Sternweis presented a request to continue high cost funds for this individual in his Adult Family home in the community. He returned to his community placement following a hospitalization and a rehab stay at Southern Wisconsin Center. The client has expressed a desire to talk to someone and Dr. Jack Iverson has started to meet with him and work with the client on sensory integration. Joan questioned about how the transition to family care will affect this client as he has been with us for the past 18 years and has had the same workers.

MOTION: Duane Paulson made a motion, seconded by Dennis Farrell to approve the continuation of high cost placement. The motion was voted on and carried.

Review of AFCSP Program Budget for 2008

Mark Komppa presented the annual report on the Alzheimer Family Caregiver Support Program. The report outlines the Department's plan for implementing the 2008 AFCSP budget allocation. Waukesha County will continue to be responsible for running the Alzheimer program as we transition to managed care. In reviewing the report, Mark noted that it has been a long time since the County has received an increase in the budget funds and explained how the County was going to distribute the funds – primarily for clients with Alzheimer and other dementia, with a maximum of \$4,000 per family.

MOTION: Barry Metevia made a motion, seconded by Dennis Farrell to move and accept the AFCSP Program Budget Report for 2008 and forward on to the State. Motion carried.

Letter of Support for the ADRC

Mark Komppa read a letter addressed to the Aging and Disability Resource Center Team from the Long Term Care Planning Committee in support of the ADRC.

MOTION: Dennis Farrell made a motion to approve letter of support for the ADRC. Sandy Wolff, Chair, signed the letter on behalf of the Committee.

Implementation Committee

Mark Komppa reported that Waukesha County is beginning to meet and is looking for someone who would be interested in serving on this committee. The timeframe involved would be the first and third Wednesday of every month through June 2008 with no compensation. The Implementation Committee consists of County staff, Providers, and individuals from the MCO. If interested, give Mark a call at 262-548-7572.

Tour of Brookfield Regency

A tour of the Brookfield Regency was provided by Debra Bertachini.

Request for Future Educational Topics

The committee members reported that with the timing of Family Care, they would be interested in hearing from Community Care and Care Wisconsin representatives.

Adjourn and Next Meeting

Barry Metevia made a motion, seconded by Diane Begos to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 in the Health and Human Services Board Room. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Approved on _____
Date