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Long Term Care Services Transition to Family Care

WAUKESHA – Waukesha County’s Department of Health and Human Services will hold a Family Care community education meeting for the public on Wednesday, January 16 at 3 p.m. in the Exposition Center’s North Hall.

The meeting will focus on changes associated with the transition from the current Long Term Care service delivery model to the new Family Care approach that the county will run in partnership with two private Care Management Organizations starting in July.

With increased demand for long term care services over the years, the reform was prompted by state and local officials that sought a more effective way to manage system costs and complexities while providing the necessary services to eligible elders and adults with disabilities in a more efficient and equitable manner.

County Executive Dan Vrakas said, “I would like to commend our human service staff for helping us improve how we manage and provide long term care services to those in need. Their efforts will enable us to gain system efficiencies, provide vulnerable residents with better service, and lead the way as a service delivery innovator.”

Family Care clients and the general public will also benefit from the implementation of the county’s Aging and Disability Resource Center. Scheduled to open in April, the center will work toward an end to wait lists while offering a single point of entry for information and assistance on long term care issues and improved access to a variety of core services.

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The Exposition Center is located at 1000 Northview Rd., Waukesha. For more information about the Family Care community education meeting, please call Human Services Supervisor Mark Komppa at (262) 548-7252.

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