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Public Meetings on Long Term Care’s Transition to Family Care

WAUKESHA – Waukesha County’s Health and Human Services and Senior Services departments will hold two Family Care community education meetings for the public on Wednesday, February 20 in the Exposition Center’s North Hall. The first meeting will be held at 3 p.m. and will be repeated at 6 p.m. to accommodate different schedules.

The meetings 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 Care Wisconsin and Community Care Inc., two private managed care organizations, starting this summer.

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 county staff and our private sector partners 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. I hope all those interested in and impacted by long term care changes make it a priority to attend one of the public education sessions to learn about the benefits of this service transformation.”

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As part of the long term care reform effort, the county will also implement an Aging and Disability Resource Center for clients and the general public by merging the Health and Human Services department’s Long Term Care Division with the Senior Services department. 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. It will also provide improved access to a variety of resources and services for consumers, their families, and professionals including elderly and disability benefit specialists. Additional information about the ADRC will be provided at the two meetings.

The Exposition Center’s North Hall 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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