

# POLK COUNTY LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE

*Minutes of May 16, 2007*

**Members Present:** Jack Overby, Dr. David Markert, Karen Eliason, Shirley Sandquist, Brian Rogers and Kari Flom

**Staff Present:** Cal Schladweiler and Carol Kehl

## ***The Meeting was called to order by Overby at 1:35 pm***

Introductions were made. The minutes of the March meeting were accepted as written on a motion from Markert, seconded by Sandquist. Motion carried.

## ***Public Comments***

There were no public comments.

## ***Update on Long Term Care Reform***

Dr. Markert distributed copies of a report he had written from notes he took at the May 14, 2007 Second Regional Summit Meeting.

The Region refers to eleven counties (Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer and Washburn). With Polk having roughly 400 cases and about 200 on the waiting list, it is essential to unite with neighboring counties since state requirements are a minimum caseload of 1,600. If we choose to do nothing with the planning; the state will do it for us.

The managed care model provides less costly services to alleviate problems while they are still mild to moderate in severity, thus cutting down on more costly services if not treated until they become severe. The state believes this overall plan will eliminate the waiting lists (within two years), keep people healthier and maintain their functionality, and thereby cut down on the need for nursing home care.

This led to a lengthy discussion with many questions. How many more care managers will we need to cover all the people on the waiting lists? What will the capitated rate be? Will there be a committee similar to the Long Term Support Committee? Where is the money coming from? Will the functional screen be tweaked so eligibility determinations are different than they currently are? Where will the LTS administration overhead money come from if there is no Long Term Support Unit?

Prior to starting managed care an ADRC is required to be up and running for at least 2 months. The timeline for having managed care in place and operational is January of 2009.

## ***Case Presentation and/or updates***

There were no presentations or updates.

## ***Statistic Report***

Kehl presented the statistic report. There were 11 new COP referrals bringing the total to 30 for the year. COP is within the state percentages except for Frail Elderly and Physically Disabled. These failed percentages are due to terminal PD cases that are still open from last year. A new policy is being discussed so the percentages will meet state requirements. The Waiting List totals 141 persons for COP and DD. Totals of open cases on COP are 80 and DD is 163. Watts cases total 38. We certify 17 Adult Foster Homes and the Family Support Waiting list consists of 32. There were 31 new Adult Protection referrals bringing the total to 52 for 2007. Seven CBRF assessments have been completed this year.

***Budget***

Schladweiler reported most of the budget is within the percentages. COP is running over but we haven't received reimbursement for MA Case Management yet. There will be no new CIP 1A cases as everyone has been taken out of the institutions; we will be able to use these slots for other people if they become available.

***New Business / Announcements***

Flom stated that Senior Care is being extended to the end of 2007 and then Wisconsin has a plan to start a comparable program called Wisconsin Care.

Rogers shared a couple web sites of interest: 'americanramp.com' and 'newmobility.com' which pertain to physically disabled and spinal cord injuries.

***Adjournment***

Being no further business or reports, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm on a Motion by Sandquist that was seconded by Rogers. The Motion for adjournment passed unanimously.

**The next meeting will be July 18, 2007 at 1:30 pm in the North Conference Room, Second Floor of the Government Center.**

Minutes respectfully prepared and presented by  
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