

# POLK COUNTY LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE

*Minutes of August 16, 2006*

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

**Staff Present:** Cal Schladweiler, Diane Voltz, Carol Kehl

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

Introductions were made. The minutes of the June 2006 meeting were accepted as written on a motion from Sandquist, seconded by Rogers. Motioned carried.

## ***Public Comments***

The ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) was discussed. Schladweiler concluded by stating that there is a meeting with Burnett County scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the possibility of consolidating the ADRC with them.

## ***Statistic Report***

Kehl presented the statistic report. There were 14 new COP referrals since the last report. The Waiting List totals 142 persons for COP and DD. Totals of open cases on COP are 82 and DD is 220. We certify 18 Adult Foster Homes with 1 new home pending. The Family Support Waiting list consists of 40. Six Adult Protection referrals were reported since the last report bringing the total to 50 for 2006. CBRF Assessments total 6 for 2006.

## ***Budget***

Schladweiler presented the June budget report summary. The BIW (Brain Injury Waiver) program is over budget because of double slotting and one of the double slotted consumers has required far more services than anticipated. All other programs are at or below their projected budget.

## ***Case Presentations – Diane Voltz***

Diane described a 65-year-old woman with COPD on oxygen and with severe osteoporosis that is confined to a recliner, wheelchair and her bed. Diane purchased the design for a ramp from the Center of Independent Living for \$65.00. The design lists \$621.00 for materials and \$843.00 for labor with a total cost of \$1464.00. Funds are available from the state and Diane asked for approval to build the ramp.

Rogers made a motion seconded by Sandquist to approve constructing the ramp. Motion carried.

Diane described a 25-year-old woman who was severely injured in an auto accident in September of 2001 leaving her quadriplegic confined to a wheelchair. The woman was pregnant at the time of the accident and she subsequently delivered a full term baby. She presently owns a power wheelchair, but would like to have an "off road wheelchair" so she take her four-year-old daughter to the park. The wheelchair is not a necessity but would improve her ability to perform motherly duties. The cost of the off road wheelchair is \$15,000.00 to \$16,000.00 and Diane will check for high cost funds from the state if this is approved.

There was a lengthy discussion.

A motion to deny the request made by Sandquist citing the dangers and drawbacks in meeting the purpose intended. Rogers seconded the motion and the motion to deny was carried.

## ***New Business / Announcements***

Schladweiler stated that Mr. Kammerud will make a Power Point presentation on Long Term Care Reform at the Human Service Board Meeting scheduled for August 17, 2006. Markert suggested that Mr. Kammerud be invited to the next Long Term Support Committee Meeting to make the Power Point presentation to our committee.

Rogers shared a web site valuable for persons with disabilities – [www.aarp.com](http://www.aarp.com) .

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***Adjournment***

Being no further business or reports, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm on a Motion by Sandquist that was seconded by Rogers. The Motion for adjournment passed unanimously.

**The next meeting will be October 18, 2006 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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