

**MINUTES
AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD
PUBLIC AGENCY CENTER, WEST BEND, WI
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2008
1:00 P.M.**

THOSE PRESENT: Les Borman, Ralph Hensel, Lori Luetschwager, Darla Potratz, Bette Koch

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Olson, ADRC Director; Jenny Kertscher, ADRC Supervisor; Paul Soczynski, Community Care; Gina Groskopf and Jenny Rodefeld, Care Wisconsin

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ralph Hensel called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF POSTING

Notice of Posting was given by Chairperson Hensel.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 13, 2007 MINUTES

Motion Les Borman; second Bette Koch to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2007 meeting. Motion Carried.

PARTNERSHIP / FAMILY CARE PLAN COMPARISONS

Part of the ADRC Board training includes understanding the benefits of each of the CMO plans – Partnership and Family Care. Community Care will offer both Partnership and Family Care. Care Wisconsin will offer both in 2010, but for now will only offer Family Care.

Paul Soczynski of Community Care distributed and explained a Comparison of Benefits chart to the Board. Paul noted that if a client is on Partnership and is eligible for Medicare Part D for their medications, they would need to choose a Community Care program because they would coordinate their medications. The client would also have a nurse practitioner to coordinate their medical care.

Dental is also covered on the Partnership program. The Dental coverage is being worked out in Washington County because there are no dentists who take Title 19.

The Board asked if someone chose Partnership, would they have to change doctors. Partnership only carries Aurora doctors, but not every doctor will take clients. The nurse practitioner would approach the doctor. Coordination of care is a big part of the program. Internists and Family Practitioners will work with Partnership.

Nursing home care is covered in either of the programs. It will be important that all nursing homes are contracted short term or long term. The Nurse Practitioner will visit the client at least once a month and work with the doctor. Community Care has all four Washington County nursing homes contracted.

Linda Olson asked for an example of a person who might want to choose Partnership over Family Care. The eligibility is the same once they have passed the physical screen. They can choose either one. Partnership may be considered if they have frequent

hospitalizations or emergency room visits and if they feel the medical care systems are not working for them. Also, Partnership would be considered if they have eight or nine medications and multiple medical conditions i.e. if two or three specialists involved it would be better to go with Partnership rather than Family Care.

Gina Groskopf and Jenny Rodefeld of Care Wisconsin distributed information on Self Directed Support. Care Wisconsin does not offer Partnership. Members have a choice for long term care services. They can become the employer and hire their own family members to care for them rather than agency staff. They are given a budget to spend on these services. Services would include housekeeping, personal care, etc. It would have to be a service on the care plan to be covered.

Family members can also work through a home care agency and get paid. Family members are trained and certified by that employer and recertified regularly. In self directed supports the client is the employer and they decide who is qualified for their care. Liability and scheduling is the responsibility of the client/employer. Note: It is not yet clear if a spouse is allowed to serve in this capacity.

The Board asked about provider networking. Gina said it will be the same providers that people are used to.

The Board asked about dental coverage. Gina discussed that there is concern and local dentists are being approached. Also, Paul explained that Community Care is trying to work with the WI Dental Association. Dentists would charge negotiated rates or sometimes Medicare rates.

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE

Linda announced that the ADRC contract has been signed and sent back to the state. February 1, 2008 the ADRC is official and goes into effect. Beginning on that date the ADRC will be eligible for reimbursements from the state.

The ADRC is getting the reporting system straightened out. Two representatives from Madison will meet with the ADRC staff for training on Tuesday, January 22nd.

Matched dollars from Medicaid are part of the ADRC budget. The reporting results receive matching dollars. If Washington County receives in excess of 23% the ADRC keeps the revenue.

Linda reported on the call volume coming into the Resource Center. Unduplicated incoming calls were compared the month of December 2007 receiving 79 calls to the first 11 days of January 2008 receiving 156 calls.

Cheryl Gray, ADRC Elderly Benefit Specialist, will be retiring. Both the Elderly Benefit Specialist and Disability Benefit Specialist positions will be vacant. Open postings for the positions will go through January 28th.

Jenny Kertscher, ADRC Information and Assistance Supervisor, will be going to work for Care Wisconsin on February 15th. The ADRC Supervisor position posting goes through 4:30 p.m. today.

A Family Care Implementation Committee must be developed to oversee Long Term Care. Examples of who this Committee could consist of are frail elderly, senior center representatives, care providers, nursing home representatives, developmentally and physically disabled or members of AARP. Committee members would get information out to their communities and bring information back to the ADRC. The Committee would get feedback back to the community with an education process, questions and answers. Community Care and Care Wisconsin will be facilitating the Committee.

Linda asked the Board to be on this Committee and/or make recommendations. February 11, 2008 will be the first meeting. The Committee will meet once a month or more often if needed. The Committee will meet less often as all implementation is completed and may eventually disband.

Bette Koch, Les Borman, Lori Luetschwager, Ralph Hensel and Darla Potratz expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Recommendations were also made.

DESIGNATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in **Room 1113A** of the Public Agency Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Les Borman; second Lori Luetschwager to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.