

**MINUTES
HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE
PUBLIC AGENCY CENTER, ROOM 3005
WEST BEND, WI
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2007**

PRESENT: Charlene Brady and Melvin Ewert

EXCUSED: David Radermacher

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Olson, ADRC Director; Les Borman

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Charlene Brady called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

NOTICE OF POSTING

Notice of Posting was given by Mrs. Brady.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2007 MINUTES

Motion Melvin Ewert; second Charlene to approve the minutes of September 19, 2007, as presented. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN FAMILY CARE

The 2007 Resolution for Participation of Washington County in the Family Care Program was discussed. The Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services is expanding Family Care to Washington County in 2008. The next step is managing Family Care within Washington County. The DSS and CCSA Boards have both passed the resolution. It must also be passed by the Health and Aging Committee.

The state will contract with regional Care Management Organizations (CMO) who will serve as CMOs for Washington County. These agencies are Community Care and Care Wisconsin.

Family Care would be provided to those who qualified or are currently on the Community Options Program (COP). Other ADRC services will still be provided to elderly and disabled that are not part of Family Care.

Columbia, Dodge, Sheboygan and Washington Counties will be the first to go with Family Care. Then the other counties will follow.

The counties will be required to make a state established annual Family Care financial contribution toward the expanded Family Care services based on the county's history of funding long-term care; and the County's annual Family Care financial contribution will be a fixed amount, subject to a five-year buy down plan and at the conclusion of the five-year buy down will not increase in future years.

Les Borman added that the CCSA Board discussed language should be added to the Resolution to the effect that if the buy down can not be in agreement for the County's betterment, Washington County could choose to opt out. For economic reasons, the County would not go with Family Care if it is not in agreement.

Motion Melvin Ewert; second Charlene Brady to pass the Resolution with the amendment which gives the County the option to opt out if the buy down plan is not financially feasible. Motion Carried.

2008 COUNTY AGING PLAN AMENDMENT APPROVAL

According to the Older Americans Act, the ADRC has to have a three year plan. In 2008 this will be extended for one year for amendments. This would go to the SE WI AAA and then to the Bureau on Aging. The ADRC budget, that has already been approved, would be included.

Two items need to be addressed by the ADRC. Transportation coordination is required. A provision would be added to include that each county needs a Human Services Transportation Committee. This Committee should be in place by December 2008. A report will be done by SEWRPC to find interested parties.

The County Board will authorize the Human Services Transportation Committee. All agencies who work with transportation will meet to discuss what services work and where there are problems. This would create more advocacy. The goal of the ADRC is to have a plan put together to present to the County Board for authorization by June 2008.

This Committee would also address emergency preparedness. A telephone tree would be staffed to handle older people in a disaster. Washington County already has this plan in place. It would not need to be re-invented. Linda Olson has already sent this plan in to SE WI AAA and they will review it. The plan demonstrates who would do what and where they will be in case of a disaster.

Motion Melvin Ewert; second Charlene Brady to approve the 2008 County Aging Plan Amendment. Motion Carried.

DESIGNATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Health and Aging Meeting Committee will be on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1023 of the Public Agency Center, 333 E. Washington Street, West Bend, WI 53095.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Melvin Ewert; second Charlene Brady to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned 11:42 a.m.