

COP/LONG-TERM SUPPORT PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 19, 2005

The Community Options Program (COP)/Long-Term Support Planning and Advisory Committee met on December 19, 2005 at 10 a.m. at the Human Services building boardroom. Members in attendance included Frances Smith, Shirley Kleist, Mary Liegl, Reiny Klingbeil, Elaine Paulson, Mary Haider, Nancy Nelson, George Southworth, Nancy Doberstein, Ingrid Purvis, Judi Fillmore, Diane Niggemann, and Russ Blennert.

Frances Smith made a motion to approve the September 19, 2005 minutes as printed. Shirley Kleist seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Russ Blennert presented the committee with a summary report of Community Options Program activities. This report indicated that there are currently 105 Taylor County residents receiving Community Options Program and COP-Waiver services. There have been 26 new Community Options Program assessments and 19 new Case Plans completed so far this year. There was some discussion that the current waiting list situation has impacted the number of assessments and plans completed. Currently, the target groups are served at the following percentages: elderly, 66.3%; physically disabled, 13.5%; developmentally disabled, 15.4%; chronically mentally ill, 4.8%. As of December 19, 2005, there are 17 people on the waiting list for services in the Long-Term Support Unit, including four people for CBRF services and 13 people for in-home services.

There was discussion among committee members regarding the amount of funds that is used to support service plans that include community-based residential facilities (CBRF). Russ Blennert requested that the committee consider increasing the amount of funding that may be utilized for CBRF services from 35% to 40% in both the Community Options Program Waiver and the Community Integration Program II Waiver programs. Judi Fillmore made a motion to increase up to 40% the amount of funding that may be used for CBRF services in the COP Waiver and CIP II Programs. Nancy Nelson seconded this motion. The motion was passed.

Russ Blennert presented the committee with an update on the State of Wisconsin's renewed effort to attempt to redesign the long-term care delivery system in the state of Wisconsin. Diane Niggemann, Director of the Commission on Aging presented the committee with the information regarding changes to Medical Assistance transportation delivery system, information on living well workshops that will be upcoming and information regarding the Taylor County Aging Council that has been recently formed.

The next meeting of the COP/Long-Term Support Planning and Advisory Committee was set for Monday, March 20, 2005 at 10 a.m. at the Human Services building boardroom.

George Southworth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary Liegl seconded the motion. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Russ Blennert
Secretary

September 19, 2005

The Community Options Program (COP)/Long-Term Support Planning and Advisory Committee met on September 19, 2005 at 10 a.m. at the Human Services building boardroom. Members in attendance included Shirley Sloniker, Mary Haider, Mary Liegl, Nancy Nelson, Reiny Klingbeil, Shirley Kleist, Frances Smith, Judi Fillmore, George Southworth, Diane Niggemann, and Russ Blennert.

Nancy Nelson made a motion to approve the June 20, 2005 minutes as printed. George Southworth seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Carol Roush of the Taylor County Commission on Aging presented the committee with information on the new Medicare Part D benefit which will take effect January 1, 2006. There was considerable discussion regarding Medicare Part D. Several members indicated that they felt the program was much too complicated and that senior citizens are just not able to access information regarding the benefit via the computer as they have been suggested to do.

Russ Blennert presented the committee with a summary report of Community Options Program activities. Currently, there are 105 Taylor County residents receiving Community Options Program and COP-Waiver services. There have been 24 new Community Options Program assessments and 16 new COP Case Plans completed so far this year. Taylor County residents served by the Community Options Program serve four basic target group areas. These target groups are served at the following percentages of the whole: elderly, 67.6%; physically disabled, 12.4%; developmentally disabled, 15.2%; chronically mentally ill, 4.8%. On this date, the number of people on the waiting list for Community Options Program services in Taylor County included five people for CBRF services and five people for in-home services.

Russ Blennert presented the committee with information about the State CIP II Relocation Initiative. This is a new community relocation that gives elderly and physically disabled people the opportunity to move from nursing homes into the community. This program would also increase the county's allocation specifically for each participant's care plan.

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Shirley Kleist made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frances Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Russ Blennert
Secretary

June 20, 2005

The Community Options Program (COP)/Long-Term Support Planning and Advisory Committee met on June 20, 2005 at 10 a.m. at the Human Services building boardroom. Members in attendance included Shirley Sloniker, Frances Smith, Elaine Paulson, Mary Haider, Diane Niggemann, Shirley Kleist, George Southworth, Reiny Klingbeil, Judi Fillmore, Ingrid Purvis, Nancy Doberstein, and Russ Blennert.

Shirley Kleist made a motion to approve the March 21, 2005 minutes as printed. Frances Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Russ Blennert presented the committee with various options for using 2004 COP carryover money into 2005. Nancy Doberstein made a motion to utilize the \$6,430 in COP carryover funds from the year 2004 to the year 2005 to be used for client services. Frances Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Russ Blennert presented the committee with a summary report of Community Options Program activities as of this date. This report indicates that there are currently 108 people receiving Community Options Program and COP-Waiver services in Taylor County. The number of 2005 Community Options Program assessments that have been completed so far has been 18. The number of new COP Case Plans for 2005 would be 14. This report also indicates the target groups for Long-Term Support services are served at the following percentages: elderly, 67.6%; physically disabled, 13%; developmentally disabled, 14.8%; chronically mentally ill, 4.6%. This report also shows at the present time there are five people on the Community Options Program waiting list for CBRF funding.

The committee discussed various provisions of the upcoming State Biennium Budget that would affect Long-Term Support services. The proposed budget includes some 1440 additional CIP II nursing home slots state-wide that may be available for counties to relocate elderly people from nursing homes into the community. Additional budget items that may impact on Long-Term Support services are the proposed development of additional aging and disability resource centers in various counties and also the elimination of the requirement in Long-Term Support for a CBRF pre-admission assessment. There was general discussion among committee members regarding the change in Long-Term Support services in the state, the State's motivation for change, and the county's future involvement.

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George Southworth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shirley Kleist seconded the motion. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Russ Blennert Secretary

March 21, 2005

The Community Options Program (COP)/Long-Term Support Planning and Advisory Committee met on March 21, 2005 at 10 a.m. at the Human Services building boardroom. Members in attendance included Shirley Sloniker, Frances Smith, Shirley Kleist, George Southworth, Mary Liegl, Elaine Paulson, Reiny Klingbeil, Mary Haider, Judi Fillmore, Nancy Doberstein, Ingrid Purvis, Diane Niggemann, and Russ Blennert.

Shirley Kleist made a motion to approve the December 20, 2004 minutes as printed. George Southworth seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Russ Blennert presented a summary report of the Community Options Program (COP) and the COP-Waiver Program activities to the Long-Term Support Committee. This report reflects information about the Community Options Program as of December 31, 2004 and is the end-of-year information that the State of Wisconsin has as it reviews Taylor County's program for the year 2004. This report indicated that there were 108 Taylor County residents receiving COP or COP-Waiver services effective December 31, 2004. Forty-nine Community Options Program assessments have completed for the year 2004 and 49 case plans have also been completed. This report also shows that as of December 31, 2004 the disability target groups were being served at the following levels: elderly, 71.3%; physically disabled, 10.2%; developmentally disabled, 13.0%; chronically mentally ill, 4.6%, and other, .9%. This report also indicates that on December 31, 2004 there were five people on the waiting list for Community Options Program funding and these five people were waiting for CBRF funding.

Russ Blennert also presented the committee with a review of the major overall program costs in the area of Long-Term Support for 2004. Client services provided under the COP-Waiver Program, the CIP II Program, the COP Program, and the Children's Waiver Program totaled approximately \$875,000 for 2004. The federal/state MA Waiver Program is by far the largest program with total expenditures for client services for 2004 at \$503,839.

Russ Blennert presented the committee with the 2005 COP Plan Update. The committee reviewed this plan update. Diane Niggemann made a motion to approve the 2005 COP Plan Update for Taylor County. Mary Liegl seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

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Shirley Kleist made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Southworth seconded the motion. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Russ Blennert, Secretary