

COP/LONG TERM SUPPOT PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday December 20, 2010

The Community Options Program (COP)/Long-Term Support Planning and Advisory Committee meeting was called to order on December 20, 2010 at 10:05 a.m. at the Taylor County Community Building. Attendance included Shirley Sloniker, Nancy Nelson, Roger Ewan, Shirley Kleist, Nancy Doberstein, Judi Fillmore, Amber Fallos, Diane Niggemann and Cheryl Ketelhut. Dennis Fuchs was absent.

A motion was made By Nancy Nelson to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2010 meeting. Shirley Kleist seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Roger Ewan to approve the agenda as posted. Nancy Doberstein seconded. Motion passed.

There was no public input.

Cheryl Ketelhut provided the committee with a verbal report of Community Options Program (COP) activities. There are currently 98 Taylor county resident s receiving COP or COP-Waiver services. There have been 57 assessments so far in 2010. The target groups are currently being served at the following percentages of the whole: elderly 57%; physically disabled 12%; developmentally disabled 11%; and chronically mentally ill at 19%. Cheryl reported that there are no people on the waiting list for COP or COP-Waiver services. Cheryl reported there has been an increased number of new referrals on individuals who do not have a history of receiving services before. It is expected this trend will continue. Diane reported that there has seen more families calling Commission on Aging (COA) as well.

Amber, Diane and Cheryl continue to regularly attend the monthly planning committee meetings for the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of the Northwoods and reported on the activities. Taylor County has only 0.35% of the State's population (over 18 years old); therefore, Taylor County cannot have an ADRC of its own. Taylor County demographic information was distributed to committee members. We are planning on joining with other counties with similar demographics to form the ADRC of the Northwoods. The ADRC involves Taylor, Oneida, Forrest, Vilas and Florence Counties and most likely will involve several Native American Tribes as well. A regional budget of \$1.5 million is being developed by the jurisdictions involved. The ADRC Ad Hoc Committee serves an advisory role here in Taylor County and meets monthly. The COA and HS Boards are updated monthly on activities of the regional ADRC planning group.

We are anticipating that in the spring of 2011, the Taylor County Human Services Board will recommend to the Taylor County Board of Supervisors approval of a formal resolution to join the ADRC of the Northwoods. It is planned that each jurisdiction involved will have a satellite ADRC office with the Regional ADRC office in Rhinelander. Staffing of the ADRC was discussed. Locations for the Taylor County ADRC are being considered. Family Care could possibly start as early as 60 days following the opening of an ADRC. It is anticipated that the ADRC may open in 2012. Following each jurisdiction approving the resolution to form the ADRC of the Northwoods the application is submitted to the State. A plan to educate and inform all stakeholders regarding the ADRC and Family Care will be developed.

Diane Niggemann reported the State has postponed starting the Medicaid transportation brokerage - Transportation Manager until July 2011. The State is requesting a new Request for Proposals due to errors in the first one.

The next meeting of the COP/Long-Term Support Planning and Advisory Committee was set for Monday, March 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Taylor County Community Building located at the fairgrounds.

Shirley Kleist made a motion to adjourn with a second by Roger Ewan. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Ketelhut
Long Term Support Coordinator
Taylor County Human Services

COP/LONG-TERM SUPPORT PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 20, 2010

The Community Options Program (COP)/Long-Term Support Planning and Advisory Committee met on September 20, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the Taylor County Community Building. Members in attendance included Shirley Sloniker, Frances Smith, Shirley Kleist, Nancy Nelson, Nancy Doberstein, Roger Ewan, Dennis Fuchs, Russ Blennert and Judi Fillmore. Amber Fallos, Developmental Disabilities Coordinator of the Taylor County Human Services Department also attended.

A motion was made by Nancy Nelson to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2010 meeting as printed. Shirley Kleist seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Nancy Doberstein made a motion to approve the agenda for this meeting. Judi Fillmore seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Russ Blennert provided the committee with a summary report of Community Options Program (COP) activities. The report shows that there currently are 96 Taylor County residents receiving Community Options Program and Community Options Program Waiver services. There have been 49 assessments so far in 2010. This has resulted in 34 new case plans. The target groups are currently being served at the following percentages of the whole: elderly, 59.4%; physically disabled, 11.5%; developmentally disabled, 11.5%, and chronically mentally ill at 16.7%. This report also indicates there are currently no people on the waiting list for Community Options Program or Community Options Program Waiver services.

Russ Blennert requested that the committee approve the use of COP carryover funds from the year 2009 to be used for client services in 2010. Dennis Fuchs made a motion that the committee approve the use of \$12,215 in COP carryover funds to be used for the provision of client services. Frances Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Russ Blennert provided information to the committee members regarding the process of acquiring special one-time COP high cost funds from the State of Wisconsin. He indicated there has been a change in state policy in that there no longer has to be this committee's approval for the use of those funds but only approval from the Department at the State level. There was some discussion regarding COP high cost funding that followed.

Russ Blennert and Amber Fallos updated the committee regarding Taylor County's participation in Family Care planning at this point. The discussion primarily focused on Taylor County's participation in the planning and membership in the five-county regional ADRC which would be made up of Oneida, Vilas, Forest, Florence, and Taylor counties. Taylor County continues to take part in this planning process and it is anticipated that a formal application for this region to become a regional ADRC will be completed sometime early in the year 2011. This application would then have to be approved by each county and would then be submitted to the State of Wisconsin.

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Shirley Kleist made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Nelson seconded the motion. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Russ Blennert
Secretary

COP/LONG-TERM SUPPORT PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 21, 2010

The Community Options Program (COP)/Long-Term Support Planning and Advisory Committee met on June 21, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the Taylor County Community Building. Members in attendance included Shirley Sloniker, Frances Smith, Shirley Kleist, Nancy Nelson, Dennis Fuchs, Diane Niggemann, Ingrid Purvis, Nancy Doberstein, Judi Fillmore, and Russ Blennert.

A motion was made by Nancy Nelson to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2010 meeting as printed. Shirley Kleist seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Nancy Doberstein made a motion to approve the agenda for this meeting. Ingrid Purvis seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Russ Blennert presented the committee with a summary report of Community Options Program (COP) activities. This report indicates that there are currently 97 Taylor County residents receiving Community Options Program and Community Options Program – Waiver services. There have been 26 assessments completed so far this year. There have also been 19 COP case plans completed as of this date. Target groups are being served at the following percentages: elderly, 62.9%; physically disabled, 11.3%; developmentally disabled, 11.3%, and chronically mentally ill, 14.4%. This report shows that there are currently no persons on the waiting list for services under these programs.

Russ Blennert presented the committee with two requests for COP high cost funding for Taylor County residents. The first request is for high cost funds for construction of a wheelchair ramp for an elderly Taylor County resident who requires this ramp for accessibility to her home. The total cost of this project is \$3,010. High cost funds have been approved by the State of Wisconsin for this project which would require no local county funding. Diane Niggemann made a motion to approve the use of high cost funds in this particular case. Frances Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed. The second request for high cost funds comes from a Taylor County resident who is disabled and asks for funding for an adaptive handicapped van for transportation. After some discussion the committee requested that more information be gathered before a decision on this approval for funding could be acted on.

The Long-Term Support committee reviewed the 2010 COP Plan Update which was completed for Taylor County and submitted to the State of Wisconsin for approval. After some discussion, Diane Niggemann made a motion to approve this Plan Update. Nancy Nelson seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Russ Blennert and Diane Niggemann presented the committee with an update of Family Care planning activities in Taylor County. The Taylor County ADRC ad hoc committee continues to meet monthly toward developing a recommendation to the County Board regarding Taylor County's participation in a Regional ADRC. Staff members from the Commission on Aging and the Human Services Department also continue to attend Regional ADRC meetings with Oneida, Vilas, Forest, and Florence Counties and participate with that group as a potential member in the future.

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Shirley Kleist made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Fuchs seconded the motion.

The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Russ Blennert
Secretary

COP/LONG-TERM SUPPORT PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 22, 2010

The Community Options Program (COP)/Long-Term Support Planning and Advisory Committee met on March 22, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the Taylor County Community Building. Members in attendance included Shirley Sloniker, Frances Smith, Shirley Kleist, George Southworth, Reiny Klingbeil, Dennis Fuchs, Nancy Nelson, Diane Niggemann, Judi Fillmore, Ingrid Purvis, and Russ Blennert.

A motion was made by Nancy Nelson to approve the minutes as printed. Frances Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Russ Blennert requested that number 7 of the agenda (Approve COP Plan Update) be deleted from the agenda and addressed at the next quarterly meeting of this committee. Shirley Kleist made a motion to approve the agenda with this change. Judi Fillmore seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Russ Blennert presented the committee with a summary report of Community Options Program (COP) activities which indicate current program numbers and participation as well as wait list information for Taylor County residents. Currently, there are 95 Taylor County residents who receive Community Options Program and Community Options Program Waiver services. The report shows that there have been 20 assessments completed in year 2010 and there have been 13 new case plans up to this point in time. Target groups are represented at the following percentages of the whole: elderly, 64.2%; physically disabled, 10%; developmentally disabled, 13%, and chronically mentally ill at 11%. This report indicates there are no people on the waiting list for in-home services under the Community Options Program. There continues to be two people who are waiting to receive CBRF services.

Diane Niggemann and Russ Blennert presented the committee with an update of the activities of the Taylor County ADRC ad hoc committee. This committee has been meeting on a monthly basis and is studying the various options for Taylor County as it looks to join a regional ADRC or to continue planning with the five county ADRC group from northern Wisconsin.

Diane Niggemann presented the committee with some of the programs that are being offered by the Commission on Aging in Taylor County including a presentation by Teepa Snow sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association which will take place in Ogema on June 18th.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Russ Blennert
Secretary