

**MINUTES OF THE VILAS COUNTY
COP/LTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
March 30, 2009**

Present: Connie Gengle, Melody Yaeger, Gina Egan, Greg Schiek, Al Bauman, Cindy Robinson, Julie Von der Hoff, Jeanne Plunkett, and Dennis Nielsen.

Absent/

Excused: Charles Reeves, Lisa Becker and Joe Fortmann.

Also

Present: Lynette Otterpohl, Amie Rein, Beth Moore, Amie Rein and Kelly Lacko.
(Irene Bricco – deceased)

Meeting called to order by Al Bauman.

Roll Call taken.

Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Yaeger, to approve the agenda as published. Carried.

Motion by Gengle, seconded by Yaeger, to approve the January 26, 2009 minutes.
Carried.

Community Options Program Update

Lyn Otterpohl presented the COP Update Report dated 2/26/2009. Otterpohl also indicated there were nine cases that closed since our last meeting. (Eight cases were closed because of death and one was closed for administrative reasons.)

Director's Report

Schiek gave a brief update on the expansion of Family Care and passed out the most recent Wisconsin map showing Family Care Counties, Managed Care Entities and the dates for implementation. Discussion.

Schiek also gave the committee a brief update on the Human Service Center developments. He asked for input from Yaeger and Chairman Bauman. Discussion.

There also was discussion about the state budget. Nielsen indicated at a meeting he recently attended it sounded like everything was going to be cut.

Guest Presenter

Schiek introduced Jim Galloway, Vilas County Director of Emergency Government/Safety Director. Galloway gave a presentation on "Project Lifesaver", a program designed to locate individuals at-risk of wandering away. Some of the target population is individuals suffering from Alzheimer's or Autism. Galloway also answered questions about costs, budget, operation, eligibility, etc. Discussion.

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Request for Variances and High Cost Funds

Otterpohl presented a high cost fund request and a variance.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Nielsen, to approve the variance and high cost fund request as presented. Carried.

Schiek explained another high cost request for computers to replace the aging computers in the COP unit. Otterpohl indicated there may not be money for the computers because service requests are filled first.

Motion by Von der Hoff, seconded by Plunkett, to approve the request for high cost funds to purchase new computers. Carried.

Committee Membership

Schiek indicated Irene Bricco had passed away and it is important to find members who receive services.

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 18, 2009

Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Robinson, to adjourn.
Carried.