

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMUNITY OPTIONS PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE**

A regular meeting of the Brown County Community Options Program Planning Committee took place on Monday, August 25, 2008 at 111 North Jefferson Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

**Present:** Helen Desotell, Sunny Archambault, Darlene Marcelle, Shirley Richardson, Kristy Robb, Chua Xiong and Marvin Rucker

**Absent:** Carlene Felmer

**Excused:** None

**Others Present:** Mary Rasmussen of BCHSD



Acting Chairperson Helen Desotell called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m. with roll call. A quorum was present.

**MODIFICATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Ms. Marcelle moved to approve the agenda as mailed. Ms. Hickey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**MODIFICATION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Ms. Archambault moved to approve the April 28, June 9, June 23, July 14 and August 11, 2008 minutes as mailed. Ms. Marcelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**THE MANAGEMENT GROUP ANNUAL WAIVER AUDIT RESULTS**

Mr. Rucker said TMG always starts out with a huge amount of potential disallowance of funding for us, but by the time all issues are settled, it is usually a much smaller number. That is the case this time as well. They began with a figure of over \$102,000 in potential loss of funds, and it will actually be only around \$500 that we will have to forfeit. Some of the original \$102,000 had to do with the calculation method for room & board and care & supervision costs. That issue has now been resolved with the state, and we now have to re-do the calculations according to the new interpretation. It was a long process to get it straightened out. The \$500 is from a billing error wherein too much was billed to the waiver on one case. In general all staff members have done and continue to do a good job working with the complex programs and funding sources.

**MOTION:** Ms. Marcelle moved to approve Mr. Rucker's report. Ms. Hickey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**6A – Current Status of COP Funding** – Mr. Rucker said we will probably be under spent by about \$300,000, but a portion of that is county related. The department as a whole is having budget problems, and this will be used to offset those challenges. We had to stop processing nursing home community relocation

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cases because of the CBRF room & board calculation issues, but with the new formula, we can begin doing them again. We are also still replacing people as they leave the program. Ms. Marcelle asked if the money will be going to the county's general fund. Mr. Rucker said it will be used strictly for Human Services Department budget areas. Ms. Marcelle said the County Board's aim is to serve more people, and Mr. Rucker said we will serve more people overall in all the Long Term Care areas, not just COP. He said there is an issue with the state over the CCS waiver that serves the mentally ill population. There have been differing interpretations from the state over what constitutes legitimate costs to be charged to that waiver program.

Ms. Marcelle asked if any of our state legislators ever get involved. Mr. Rucker said yes, we have written letters to legislators in the past, in which case they have become involved in issues between the state and our department. Ms. Archambault added that communication between departments at the state level is not always effective because of the sheer hugeness and complexity of the departments. She experiences the same type of thing when dealing with the state on ADRC issues. Mr. Rucker said overall we do have a very positive working relationship with the state. The department that handles the CBRF room & board formula issue has been slashed to just about five staff members, and some of those are part time. Adding to that is the fact that everything now is geared toward Family Care.

**6B – Waiting List** – Mr. Rucker said the list is down from over 800 to 699. We recently placed about 70 people on service from the list. We go through the entire list annually.

**6C – Money Expenditures by Target Group** – Mr. Rucker said there have been no significant changes in the numbers because of the mandatory percentages we must meet for each target group. It will be interesting to see what percentages there will be under Family Care, especially given the fact there will be no waiting lists. People in the AODA or mentally ill categories won't qualify for Family Care. Elderly with AODA or MI issues will, but others in those two categories won't unless they have physical problems along with the AODA or MI diagnoses.

**MOTION:** Ms. Marcelle moved to receive the reports and place them on file. Ms. Archambault seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Ms. Archambault moved to adjourn. Ms. Hickey seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Rasmussen

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