

**MINUTES OF THE VILAS COUNTY
COP/LTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 24, 2012**

Present: Janice Schuette, Lynette Otterpohl, Bonita Johnson, Al Bauman, Dennis Nielson, Mike Miller, Donna Rosner, Kelly Lacko, Kelly Von Oepen, Kate Gardner, Karin Schmidt, Lisa Becker, Gina Egan.

Absent/Excused: Connie Gengle, Jeanne Plunkett, Mark Zyhowski, and Nikki Reed.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bauman at 9:45 a.m.

Roll Call taken.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Von Oepen, to approve the agenda discussed in any order at the discretion of the Chair. All voting aye. Carried.

Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Johnson to approve the July 31, 2012 minutes. All voting aye. Carried.

Community Options Program Update

Otterpohl gave update on COP program. There have been 4 cases added to the program since last meeting on July 31, 2012. Otterpohl reported 6 cases closed since last meeting.

She gave an update that the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is now taking COP referrals and doing the functional screens for clients. Social Services receives the client cases after they are likely to be eligible for COP.

Directors Report

Gardner reported that there is now a waiting list in place for those eligible for COP due to high caseloads. She referenced a COP Capacity Report that utilized the state's formula for determining maximum caseloads for LTC social workers. She indicated that based on the numbers from the report, she could not continue to increase the caseloads.

Gardner distributed an article on the growing 90+ age group. She also showed that functional screens for the COP program went down from 145 in 2010 to 70 in 2011.

Schuette and Von Oepen reported that an adult family two-bedroom home is being certified in the area.

Guest Presentation on Lillian Kerr Move

Guest was not present.

Request for Variance and High Cost Funds

Von Oepen is requesting a variance of \$25,395. This would be high cost funds for a child. She was given approval to apply for funds from the state. Bauman signed the request. **Nielsen, seconded by Johnson, motioned to approve the variance as presented.**

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Committee Membership

Schuette is interested in membership on the COP committee. Julie Livingston from the ADRC is also interested in becoming a member. Gardner states that she will send these requests to full board for approval.

Comments/Public Input

Miller held a discussion on care giving. It was suggested that the pay rate for caregivers and mileage reimbursement be standardized between agencies as it is difficult for our agencies to find providers when other employing agencies pay more.

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 26, 2012 at 9:45 AM in Conference Room #2.

Motion to adjourn made by Nielsen. All voting aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.