

ONEIDA COUNTY LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

May 13, 2014

Members present: Barbara Holtz, Kelly VonOepen, Nancy Kortenhof, Beth Hoerchler, Norma Johnson, Dianne Jacobson, Mary Jane Gresser, Tammie Szymanski, Rob Deede, and Patricia Richardson

Members Absent: Cheryl Pasewald., Ann Rueckert, Bob Metropulos, Jim Intrepidi, Sue Kirby

Staff: Carrie Mikalauski, Tammy Walters

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Nancy Kortenhof.

Motion by Ms. Richardson/seconded by Ms. VonOepen to approve today's agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Szymanski/seconded by Ms. Gresser to approve minutes from February 11, 2014. Motion carried.

Ms. Beth Hoerchler presented the 2014 COP Update Report. There were 17 assessments and 14 plans completed as of 3/31/2014. 160 clients receive COP and waiver funding. 127 persons currently receive CIP II and COP-Waiver funding. There are three clients on the service waiting list at this time (for CBRF services). Motion by Ms. Jacobson/seconded by Mr. VonOepen to approve the 2014 COP Update Report as presented. Motion carried.

Ms. Beth Hoerchler presented the 2014 First Quarter COP Variance Report. A total of 12 variances were granted for the first quarter period of 01/01/14-03/31/14. There was one for the provision of community based COP services to participants currently residing in an institution, and 12 for the provision of services to persons receiving recuperative services in an institution. Motion by Ms. Jacobson/seconded by Ms. Richardson to approve 2014 First Quarter COP Variance Report as presented. Motion carried.

Ms. Beth Hoerchler presented the 2013 Final Expenditure Report. There was a total of \$2,474,575.94 spent between COP, COPW, CIPII, CRI, FCT and NHD. There was a total of \$634,781.85 spent on payroll including \$58,705.13 spent in payroll taxes. There were 126 clients receiving home care services and 207 workers providing those services. Motion by Ms. Gresser/seconded by Ms. Holtz to approve the 2013 Final Expenditure Report as presented. Motion carried.

Ms. Beth Hoerchler presented the 2014 Adult and Elders Referrals report. 44 referrals were received in the first quarter of 2014 as compared to 68 in 2013. There was discussion regarding Adult Welfare Concerns, Elder Abuse and Adult Protective Services.

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Ms. Beth Hoerchler presented the Request for Waiver of Use of COP/COP Waiver/CIPII in CBRF. The current waiver stated to limit payments to CBRFs licensed for the care of 15 or less individuals. However, Country Terrace has done some renovating to their Packing Plant Road facility with the intent to have two 15-bed facilities. Due to the floor plan, the State has indicated they cannot license them as a two 15-bed facilities but can license as one 20-bed facility. A change would be made to the policy to allow for the six clients currently at Country Terrace to remain there after the licensure changes and that new placements to this facility would only occur if the clients meet the criteria of the current waiver or seek individual variance. There was discussion regarding other options for the Minocqua/Woodruff area, facilities working with licensing before renovating and when Family Care comes 20 bed facilities would be approved. Motion by Ms. VonOepen/seconded by Ms. Kortenhof to approve the Waiver of Use of COP/COP Waiver/CIPII in CBRF as presented. Motion carried.

Ms. Beth Hoerchler presented Policy number SW-47 Cap on Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF) funding. The policy states the maximum funding within each category available for CBRF placements would be 25% of the allocation. Due to the vacancies in the Department of Social Services and the number of people on the waiting list it is being asked to temporarily increase the maximum funding amount to 30% of the allocation for each category. By doing this we would be able to almost eliminate the waiting list. There was discussion regarding the length of time that this increase would need to be in effect. The answer is unknown at this time, however it will be closely monitored and the committee will be updated as to the progress. Motion by Ms. Jacobson/Ms. Holtz seconded to approve the increase of COPW/CIPII allocation in CBRF's from 25% to 30% as presented. Motion carried.

Presentation was given by Ms. Tammy Walters, Service Officer. Ms. Walters shared with the committee some the benefits the Veterans Administration has for veterans including health services, pensions, veteran homes and transportation. Discussion followed.

Next meeting was scheduled for **Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Oneida County Board Room, Courthouse. Possible agenda items for next meeting include a presentation from Mr. Deede regarding community preparedness.

Motion by Ms. Holtz/seconded by Ms. Jacobson to adjourn meeting at 10:55 A.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Ms. Beth Hoerchler