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**MARINETTE COUNTY COMMUNITY OPTIONS PROGRAM/
LONG TERM SUPPORT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

June 16, 2011
2500 Hall Avenue
Marinette, WI 54143
(Conference Room G – Lower Level)

Members Present: Kathy Just, Pam Daye, Pam Mueller-Johnson, Doreen Bender
Mike Cassidy, Bonnie Haley, Marge Raab, Joanne Bryngelson,
Ruth Roush, and Mary Mursau

Members Absent: Joan Radmanovich

Others Present: Judy Drier

1. Call meeting to Order.

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Kathy Just at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Approve/Amend Agenda items.

MOTION (Cassidy/Mueller-Johnson) to approve the Agenda. Motion carried. No negative vote.

3. Public Comment. None at this time.

4. Approve/Amend Minutes of the April 14, 2011 Meeting.

MOTION (Daye/Roush) to approve the Minutes of the April 14, 2011 meeting. Motion carried. No negative vote.

5. COP Coordinator's Report for November and December 2010.

The *COP Coordinators Report dated June 16, 2011* and the *Marinette County HHS Long Term Services Financial Report* were distributed. Judy stated the COP program was financially in good shape. However, she stated they were trying to spend down CIP II funds.

Wait List. Four high cost individuals terminated their participation within the last year which created a savings large enough to allow 20 to 30 individuals to be removed from the Wait List and who can now begin receiving assistance. The goal is to eliminate the Wait List for the elderly and physically disabled. Approximately one-half of the people on the Wait List who have been contacted have declined or do not need services at this time. Some on the Wait List have already been placed into nursing homes.

The Wait List for the Developmentally Disabled and/or Chronically Mentally Ill is about the same or is increasing due to the funding cap. If some of the Developmentally Disabled individuals are experiencing a lot of age-related changes, the staff will work with other programs that can serve their age-related needs rather than Developmentally Disabled.

Significant Proportions: As of 05/31/2011. The Significant Proportions figures are not up to date. Many more plans have been submitted to Madison that, statistically, have not yet shown up on the report. Judy may need to move some individuals from one program to another so they are in compliance.

Assessments and Plans: Year to date: 05/31/11. The number of “plans” is incorrect. At least eight additional plans have been submitted but there is a delay in reporting from the State.

CBRF Costs. Judy is in the process of reviewing every existing CBRF placement to make sure that the CBRF placement is more cost effective than having the participant stay in his/her own home. She is also reviewing every new CBRF request to make sure that the individual needs supervision and a structured environment before being placed in a CBRF. (Family members may contribute toward “room and board” in a CBRF but they cannot contribute toward “care and supervision” rendered at a CBRF.)

MOTION (Mursau/Raab) to accept the *COP Coordinators Report dated June 16, 2011.* Motion carried. No negative vote.

6. Aging Unit/MC Elderly Services update. Discussion only.

Pam Mueller-Johnson gave an update on some of the programs which have been or will be offered by Marinette County Elderly Services (MCES). “Stepping On”, a 7-week fall prevention class held in Marinette was just completed. Professional speakers talked about the different aspects of falls. Plans are being made to offer this safety awareness program this fall in Pembine.

Another program offered by MCES is “Breakfast for the Brain” which is designed to stimulate brain activity as well as an exercise program. MCES partnered with the UW Extension for the 12-week course.

Three caregiver support groups meet every month. MCES received grant funds to get the “Caregiver Coalition” up and running. This is an educational program for people with dementia. MCES is in the process of writing additional grants.

Kimberly-Clark made a huge donation of paper products which will be used at the meal sites. In addition, some of the product was given to senior citizens as door prizes.

Pam feels that MCES' affiliation with United Way has opened doors for them as far as sponsors and donors.

The MCES Sixth Annual Golf Scramble Fundraiser at Hunter's Glen Golf Club is scheduled for July 8th. They have partnered with the Marinette County Tavern League which has a positive influence in this County. Golf balls with the MCES logo are being sold for \$1.00 each as an additional way to raise funds.

Pam reported that the MCES is trying to sustain the programs they currently offer and are hoping not to have to cut any of their existing programs. Last year, over 50,000 meals were served at the Marinette County meal sites through the County.

Mike Cassidy mentioned that the roof at the Niagara Senior Citizens Center has been repaired and that gutters were installed over the entrance. However, he stated the roof still needs to be replaced.

7. Update regarding Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and Long Term Care District (NEW Family Care Planning.

ADRC Planning Update – Engineering plans for Marinette County's ARDC are progressing with the exterior to be completed first, after which the interior space will be remodeled. Next month, the Buildings & Grounds Committee will tour the ADRC site.

The State is still offering money to start new ARDCs. Marinette County is in the process of preparing an application for it to stand alone as a single-county ADRC. The application will be submitted within the next few months. Although invited, Florence County has not committed to partnering with Marinette County for the ARDC.

Which positions will be affected during the transition into the new ARDC and how to continue case management has not yet been determined. However, everyone will continue to do the best possible job to meet the goals and objectives of the Department in order to continue the COP Waiver program during the interim. There is some concern as to what will happen if State funds run out in a couple of years as many existing ARDC's already need additional funds to operate.

Report Highlights from the Joint Legislative Audit Committee's evaluation were distributed to the Committee members. The Legislature is requesting additional information before making a final decision on state-wide expansion into Family Care. Expansion into Family Care for Marinette County is on hold. They are still hopeful that planning money will come through. Currently, there is only enough planning money for the rest of this year.

The State Budget has not yet been finalized but as of Monday, June 20, 2011, the State is capping Family Care enrollment and expansion. Counties can appeal to the Department of Health if they feel it is more cost effective to continue the nursing home relocations.

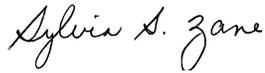
8. Set Date for Next Meeting

Next Regular Meeting (Tentative): September 15, 2011 at **10:00 a.m.** (An earlier meeting may be called if the State Legislative information affecting the COP/ADRC/FC programs is available.)

9. Adjourn

MOTION (Mueller-Johnson/Haley) to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion carried.
No negative vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sylvia S. Zane, Recorder