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

MINUTES

June 21, 2007
2500 Hall Avenue
Marinette, WI 54143
Basement Conference Room

Members Present: Joanne Bryngelson, Pam Daye, Carol Faucett, Bonnie Haley, Kathy Just, Pam Mueller-Johnson, Marge Raab, Joan Radmanovich and Mary Mursau

Members Absent: Judy Badalamenti, Robin Elsner, and Ruth Roush

Others Present: Judy Drier

1. Call To Order. Roll Call.

Vice Chairperson, Kathy Just, called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m. Roll call taken.

2. Approve/Amend Minutes of February 15, 2007 Meeting.

Motion (Radmanovich/Raab) to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried. No negative vote.

3. Report on Services to the Elderly Study Committee

Pam Mueller-Johnson advised that approximately six months ago the County Board passed a Resolution that a study group be developed consisting of two representatives from H&HS, two representatives from Elderly Services, Bill Topel, and Pam Mueller-Johnson. The purpose was to see how the two groups could work together more efficiently and effectively and identify areas of overlap and duplication. The Committee will prepare a Power Point presentation for the full County Board showing the excellent services available in the County and stressing the need for additional funding.

4. Upcoming events, activities at Marinette County Health & Human Services Department and Marinette county Elderly Services

Elderly Services will hold its second annual golf outing at Little River Country Club on July 20, 2007. Anyone from the community is welcome. Last year's fundraiser brought in \$6,000.

A one-day Senior Workshop will be held on November 7, 2007 relating to care-giving issues, Alzheimer's Disease, and Dementia. It will also include a Health Fair to show the different services available.

(Chairperson, Carol Faucett, conducted the remainder of the meeting.)

5. COP Coordinator's Report for January through April 2007

Judy Drier, COP Coordinator, reviewed the COP Coordinator's Report. There are currently 160 people on the wait list as of April 30, 2007. There is approximately a 4-year wait for those who are elderly on the wait list and up to a 12 year wait list for those who are physically disabled. There are 140 clients being served in Elderly, Physically Disabled, Developmental Disabled and Chronic Mentally Ill target groups. Letters are sent every six months to those on the wait list to determine if they are still interested in services. The Financial Report is on track and is a little under spent to date. There was much discussion about "Life Estates" and how it impacts the participant's eligibility. Jill Messenger from H&HS will be invited to the next meeting to explain "Life Estates".

Motion (Radmanovich/Raab) to accept COP Coordinator's report. Motion carried. No negative vote.

6. Discuss use of COP Carryover funds from calendar year 2006.

Last year \$26,602 of COP funds were unspent with \$4,981 being a special award restricted for a lift system in a private home, which project has been completed. The remaining \$21,621.00 of funds will be used to cover services for participants and not for administrative costs. The State requires that the Committee approve or amend the proposed plan. The carryover funds must be spent by the end of the year.

Motion (Daye/Radmanovich) to approve the carry-over plan for unspent funds proposed by the Coordinator. Motion carried. No negative vote.

7. Consider request to increase in-home provider pay rate through Fiscal Agent arrangement.

The current recommended pay rate is \$8.50 per hour. The last rate increase was in March of 2005. Due to the high cost of gas there have been requests for a rate increase. Raising the rate to \$9.00 per hour would mean a financial impact to COP, COP W and CIP II of approximately \$21,000. The County is losing some providers to agencies and when the County contracts with agencies, the hourly rate is considerably higher, so a pay rate may be more economical.

Motion (Mursau/Radmanovich) to increase the recommended pay rate from \$8.50 to \$9.00 per hour. Motion carried. No negative vote.

8. Consider policy for clients who lose Nursing Home Diversion funding and placement on COP/MA Waiver wait list.

Judy Drier distributed a proposed *"Policy Regarding Priority Status on Wait List for Participants Who Lose Eligibility for Fully Funded Slots"*. The policy would cover those who go into a nursing home and have their funding returned to the State even though a doctor anticipates they would be able to come out within six months. The new policy would allow a participant coming out of a nursing home within six months, or less, to be placed on the wait list as of the date of the "original" application and not be placed at the bottom of the wait list. However, if a participant remains in a nursing home longer than six months and comes back out, it would be necessary to re-apply for funding.

Motion (Radmanovich/Raab) to accept the *"Policy Regarding Priority Status on Wait List for Participating Who Lost Eligibility for Fully Funded Slots"* dated 06-21-07, as written. Motion carried. No Negative vote.

9. Consider resignation/termination of COP Planning Committee member.

A COP Planning Committee member has been absent from several meetings and notices of those meetings, which were sent to the last known address, have been returned.

Motion (Just/Mursau) to make one final attempt to locate the COP Committee member; and, in the event she cannot be located, a recommendation will be made to replace the member.

10. Next Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.

11. Adjourn

Motion (Daye/Radmanovich) to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 a.m. Motion carried. No negative vote.

Respectfully submitted:



Sylvia S. Zane
Recorder