

**MINUTES OF THE VILAS COUNTY
COP/LTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
July 31, 2012**

Present: Al Bauman, Kate Gardner, Michael Miller, Bonnie Johnson, Dennis Nielsen, Nikki Reed, Mark Zyhowski, Kelly Lacko, Karin Schmidt, Connie Gengle, Patricia Unseth, Beth Moore, Lisa Becker.

Absent/Excused: Melody Yaeger, Kelly Von Oepen, Jeanne Plunkett, Gina Egan.

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

Roll Call taken.

Motion by Gengle, seconded by Nielsen, 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 May 21, 2012 minutes. All voting aye. Carried.

Recruitment of Caregivers

Miller and Johnson introduced themselves and gave a brief background. **Nielsen, seconded by Gengle, motioned to add Miller and Johnson as members of the COP Committee. All voting aye, carried.**

Gengle had assisted in recruiting the new members through the Aging and Disability Resource Center/Commission on Aging. Gengle gave a brief overview of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) in Eagle River.

Community Options Program Update

Lacko gave update on COP program. There have been 45 year-to-date referrals with 13 referrals being received and 6 cases added to the Program since last meeting on May 21, 2012. Lacko reported 8 cases closed since last meeting.

Directors Report

Gardner reported that funds are 40% spent out. Moore explained that that definition of risk has changed for the COP program reviews and initial assessments. This change allows less referrals to enter the program as well as takes people off the program that were previously eligible.

Request for Variance and High Cost Funds

Gardner will be eventually requesting high cost funds for Kerber Rose, but will hold off on the request for now.

Lacko requested a return home variance. Moore requested a return home variance. **Nielsen, seconded by Becker, motioned to approve the two return home variances. All voting aye, carried.**

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Committee Membership

Another COP provider, Janice Schuette, is interested in membership, but could not attend this meeting. She does plan on attending next meeting.

Comments/Public Input

None.

Next Meeting:

Monday, September 24, 2012 at 9:45 AM in Conference Room #2.

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