

**MINUTES OF THE VILAS COUNTY  
COP/LTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 21, 2012**

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**Present:** Kate Gardner, Lynette Otterpohl, Al Bauman, Dennis Nielsen, Patricia Unseth, Beth Moore, Donna Rosner, Kelly Von Oepen, Connie Gengle, and Karin Schmidt.

**Absent/Excused:** Melody Yaeger, Lisa Becker, Jeanne Plunkett, Gina Egan, and Mark Zyhowski.

**Also Present:** Lori Bergum (Vilas County Public Health) and Bob Kovar (Marshfield Clinic).

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

**Roll Call taken.**

**Motion by Nielsen, 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 Gengel to approve the March 26, 2012 minutes. All voting aye. Carried.**

**Prescription Drug Abuse Presentation**

Bob Kovar presented and facilitated a discussion on prescription drug use and abuse. Kovar is starting a task force on prescription drug abuse.

**Recruitment of Caregivers**

Gardner led a discussion on recruiting caregivers to the COP committee.

**Community Options Program Update**

Otterpohl gave update on COP program. There have been 32 year-to-date referrals with 7 referrals being received and 7 cases added to the Program since last meeting on March 26, 2012. Otterpohl reported 3 cases closed since last meeting.

**Directors Report**

Gardner reported on a Long Term Care client working with the Children's unit now that will be turning 18, and hence passed on to the Adult Unit for her Long Term Care. Gardner wanted to match COP funds to meet her needs making this a smooth transition for the client. **Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Gengle, to approve using COP funds for the client to meet her needs after she turns 18. All voting aye. Carried.**

Gardner advised that the new COP screening processes have made several clients ineligible for services where they had been previously eligible. She requested that Supportive Home Care funds currently used for needy clients on the COP waiting list be used when necessary to provide minimal services to those clients no longer eligible for COP so they can continue to live in their homes. Gardner noted that these funds have not been used this year as the waiting list has remained at zero. **Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Gengle, to approve using Supportive**

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**Home Care funds provided a portion of the funding is reserved for potential waiting list clients. All voting aye, carried.**

**Request for Variance and High Cost Funds**

None.

**Committee Membership**

Gardner will do a mailing to Vilas Supportive Home Care providers in an effort to recruit caregiver members to the committee. She will also ask for help from Commission on Aging on recruiting caregivers.

**Comments/Public Input**

None.

**Next Meeting:**

**Monday, July 30, 2012 at 9:45 AM in Conference Room #2.**

**Motion to adjourn made by Nielsen, seconded by Gengle. All voting aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.**