

**MINUTES OF THE VILAS COUNTY  
COP/LTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 30, 2012**

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**Present:** Al Bauman, Dennis Nielsen, Kelly Von Oepen, Lynette Otterpohl, Kate Gardner, Karin Schmidt, Nikki Reed, Kelly Lacko, Patricia Unseth, Beth Moore, Connie Gengle, and Mary Kapke.

**Absent/Excused:** Lisa Becker, Gina Egan, Joe Fortmann, and Jeanne Plunkett, Donna Rosner, Mark Zyhowski.

**Also Present:** None

**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 Reed to approve the November 28, 2011 minutes. All voting aye. Carried.**

**Community Options Program Update:**

Otterpohl gave an update on the COP program. There have been 10 year to date referrals with 10 referrals being received and 7 cases added to the Program since last meeting on November 28, 2011. Otterpohl reported that 7 cases were closed since last meeting. There is no longer a COP Waiting List.

**Directors Report:**

Gardner reported that there is a new accounting system for COP. Accounting firm Kirber Rose and independent accountant Jeff Cohen are currently working on agency accounting until an overall county Financial Manager is hired. Jen Steber, the director at Florence County has also agreed to provide some consultation services as requested by Kerber Rose and/or Jeff Cohen. Gardner stated that the caps on Family Care were lifted. She also mentioned that the entire Human Service System may be facing a re-design in the future.

**Request for Variance and High Cost Funds:**

Lacko requested one variance. **Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Gengle, to approve the variances. All voting aye. Carried.**

**Committee Membership:**

Gardner stated that the committee has lost some members. She will put an ad in the newspaper to recruit additional members.

**Comments/Communications/Public Input:**

None.

**Next Meeting:**

Monday, March 26, 2012 at 10:00 am in Conference Room #2.

**Motion to adjourn made by Gengle, seconded by Kapke. All voting aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.**