

**Transition Planning Committee of Community Care of Central Wisconsin
Meeting Minutes**

DATE: Wednesday, July 12, 2006
PLACE: Central Wisconsin Airport
TIME: 4:00 P.M.
PRESENT: Patricia Arnold, Dave Bast, Linda Berna-Karger, Jim Canales, John Chrest, Jim Clark, Ken Day, Jim Gignac, Pete Hendler, Lonnie Krogold, Karen Piel, Lucy Runnells, Tim Steller, Vicki Tylka, Mike Wislowski
GUEST: Craig Thompson, Wisconsin Counties Association
FACILITATOR: Mark Hiliker

1. **The meeting was called to order. Introductions were made.**
2. **Reviewed meeting notes from June 28, 2006**
Minutes approved without change
3. **Public Comments to the Transition Planning Committee**
None
4. **Correspondence**
Jim Canales reviewed telephone conversation with Judith Frye. Judith had inquired as to readiness of CCCW to complete an RFP. It was indicated that CCCW will not be ready until fiscal issues regarding capitated rate and other fiscal issues that will impact counties are resolved. Late Fall will be the most likely scenario for CCCW to respond to the RFP.
5. **Discussion/Action on distribution of meeting minutes/materials to those outside the planning committee**
When to release, who is responsible:
 - Meeting minutes can be released after they are approved by the Committee at the next meeting.
 - The agenda will be prepared in advance of the meeting, forwarded to Vicki Tylka/Sue Aho at Marathon County DSS and Sue will email the agenda to the transition team and the appropriate County contacts to meet the public notice requirements.
 - Committee members wanting this email sent to County contacts for publishing agenda must provide Vicki/Sue with the email address.
 - Project coordinator will take over these responsibilities when selected.

6. Discussion with Craig Thompson, Wisconsin Counties Association

Concern expressed by counties regarding the funding mechanisms for Family Care projects. The expansion projects will likely be funded differently from original Family Care projects as it relates to the use of Community Aids. Questions CCCW feels need to be answered:

- What does the use of Community Aids dollars mean to specific counties?
- How will the State determine how much will be contributed?
- Should any county dollars be involved?
- How will money be taken?
- How will counties be compensated for the fiscal impact regarding Economic Support workload increases? ADRC workload increases?
- Will there be consideration given to the “remnant overhead” costs as staff are taken away?
- If counties put money in, and it goes to private competition, how will that work?
- It should be a known amount of dollars.
- What year will be chosen as base year (regarding county contributions)?
- What does it mean if we are not a participating county?

Craig started his comments by stating how impressed he is with the work of this group, the progress that has been made and the specific issues that have been identified. The following points were made during the discussion:

- Changes in Statutes will need to be made in reference to county’s role as “safety net”.
- If counties continue to be involved, county dollars will remain on the table.
- Keeping levy requirements at current level.
- Reference made to “Cost to Continue” side of State budget. State defines eligibility requirements; State would then have to fund.
- What does it mean if we are not a participating county? The State does not want to set up financial incentives for counties to get out of the game.
- Counties differ in their acceptance of levy; some have “no levy” position.
- Rates have to be actuarially sound.
- Craig is willing to put this groups questions in a format to present to the State that require clear responses before counties can move forward.

- Local elected officials are real decision makers and need to be involved in the process. At what point in time do you involve those elected officials? In the end, it will be county boards and execs that make the decision.
- An answer to the question “What if a county says no?” is needed for an informed decision to be made by county boards.
- What does it mean to not be in as a county? The State has projected success with Family Care by using county money.
- There needs to be a grievance procedure if there appears to be inadequacy in the rate. Could it be as simple as an 85/15 funding split between the State and County? Both assuming some risk. Counties that are currently below that levy amount have five years to get up to that level. The State will have to make statutory changes for counties to tax to meet that level.

7. Future meeting schedule

August 1, 2006 from 4:00 – 5:45 (Please Note – Meeting of July 26th was cancelled and rescheduled to this time).

August 9, 2006 from 4:00 – 5:45

8. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.