

LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Friday, December 3, 2010

Administrative Center – Room 3220

10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Johnson, Tara Johnson, Mildred Evans, Jim Pinger

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Don Bina, Tim Garrity, Connie Eide, Pam Semb, Jennifer Bielefeldt, Betty Wells, Jason Witt

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Rand, Pete Eide, Keith Keller, Pat Ruda, Jim Gausmann, Noreen Kuroski, Kim Wing, John Mroch

OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Ruppert, Matt Strittmater, Mary Faherty, Lois Pinger, Charles Evans

CALL TO ORDER

Steve Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

Steve advised that after careful consideration and consultation with each of the members on this committee, the decision has been made to dissolve. The purpose of this committee has been met through the valued committee membership as well as other existing community long term care groups. There are many options available to those we serve, and it is felt this committee has reached a level of duplication with oversight being offered elsewhere in the county and community. Western Wisconsin Cares is an example of carrying on this committee's purpose in a regional way.

Steve gave a history of the committee and accomplishments that have been made including:

- Expansion of Family Care into a Long Term Care District
- Assisting in development of the level of services we have now
- Bringing consumers to the table to provide input so beneficial to long term care services
- Improving the quality of life in La Crosse County

Steve extended his gratitude and a thank you to all members who have served on the Long Term Care Coordinating Committee and the former Long Term Care Committee, all the way back to when this group organized many years ago.

Tara Johnson also addressed the group in appreciation for their vision, advocacy, and participation in this committee, with special mention to Steve for his dedication and leadership as chair for the past several years. Everyone involved with this committee can be proud of the strong commitment that has been shown for the development, change and continuance of quality long term care services in our area.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

Tara named current and former members, and presented those attending with a Certificate of Appreciation. Certificates will be mailed to those not attending today's meeting.

Special note that if anyone would like to continue involvement in long term care through a different venue, please feel free to contact Steve Johnson, Tara Johnson, advocacy/provider organizations, or county staff and they will assist in finding a different level for your involvement. The state is also trying to put together a local forum and focus group to give input into long term care over the next 18 months, so this may be another opportunity available for those interested.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M. for cake and refreshments.