

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN CENTER VOLUNTARY RESTRUCTURING INITIATIVE
RESIDENT RELOCATION TEAM
QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT
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The Resident Relocation Team develops and monitors voluntary strategies that encourage guardians of Southern Wisconsin Center (SWC) residents to explore community living opportunities for their residents, one resident at a time and one community plan at a time. Team members also review and monitor community placement plans to be sure they fully meet resident needs and reflect resident interests and preferences as required by Wisconsin law. Each plan is reviewed to assure all necessary community medical and/or psychiatric supports are present, ensure informed choices for guardians and residents, and facilitate the provision of supports for successful community living. Team members include multiple representatives from the facility, the Department, the counties and the advocacy agencies.

The Team met for the first time on April 17, 2009 following Division of Quality Assurance (DQA) approval of the Center's Ch 50 Resident Relocation Plan which occurred on April 15, 2009. It continues to meet every other week.

Sandy Paulson, SWC Family Liaison, was introduced to the guardians by letter. Her contact information was provided, including a toll free number guardians and families were encouraged to use. Sandy later sent letters to the guardians containing contact information for the advocacy agencies, Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) and the Ombudsman Program.

In order to determine which long term residents' guardians were interested in further conversation about the Restructuring Initiative, a group of SWC specialist staff called the guardians during a two week period during the month of April. Some of the guardians are interested in continuing the conversation with SWC about the Restructuring Initiative and the opportunities for community living now available for people with developmental disabilities.

By the end of June, a second call will be made to these interested guardians by knowledgeable SWC staff to offer them more in-depth information, according to their needs and interests, in person and at the location of their choice. For some guardians whose resident resides in a Family Care county, the local Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) staff specialist for the SWC Restructuring Initiative could become involved at the guardian's request. Depending on the readiness and needs of the guardian and at the guardian's request, ADRC staff will assist with orientation and generalized tours of local community provider settings and services.

By the end of July, SWC will identify outreach and awareness strategies about the Restructuring Initiative for the guardians and families of all long term residents. These

strategies will be presented to the Department of Health Services Secretary's Office for discussion and approval. The approved strategies will be presented to Relocation Team for discussion and feedback.

SWC discharge planning staff and community living case managers are beginning to discuss ways to better coordinate their respective work to achieve the best possible transitions and continuity of care for relocating residents. SWC staffs are also becoming proficient regarding managed long term care models and methods, including Family Care, Partnership, Pace and IRIS, which are expanding statewide and will apply to over 90% of Wisconsin over the course of the Restructuring Initiative. Many SWC residents are from Family Care counties including Racine, Kenosha, Waukesha and Jefferson; and, Milwaukee County will expand Family Care to all ages and disability groups in November.

The Department launched a public Internet web site for the SWC Restructuring Initiative on June 2, 2009. Several key documents, such as an overview of the Restructuring Initiative, the Center's Ch 50 Voluntary Resident Relocation Plan, and informational letters sent to the guardians and families have been posted.