

2007 Gaps Analysis County Profile: Cass County

Part 1: Home and Community Based Long Term Care Services: Change in Services

Services where Cass County has *added, expanded or improved* the service

End-of-life, Hospice, Palliative Care
Fiscal Support Entities (CDCS)
Long Term Care Consultation/ Community Assessment

Services where Cass County has *decreased or eliminated* the service

None

Part 2: Home and Community Based Long Term Care Services: Overall Service Capacity

Services that are *not available*

TBI Structured Day Program

Services that are *limited* (Populations affected are reported in parentheses)

Adult Day Care/Adult Day Care Bath (Age 65 and older)
Caregiver/Family Support and Training (Age 65 and older)
Chore Service (Age 65 and older)
Companion Service (Age 65 and older)
Consumer Training and Education (Age 65 and older)
Crisis Respite Bed Services from Public/Private Vendor (All Populations)
Employment Opportunities Promoting Meaningful Jobs, Careers, Self-Sufficiency (All Populations)
End-of-life, Hospice, Palliative Care (All Populations)
Homemaker Service (All Populations)
Insurance Counseling/ Forms Assistance (All Populations)
Respite Care, In Home (Age 65 and older, Age 22 - 64 on a waiver, Under age 21)
Respite Care, Out of Home (Age 65 and older, Age 22 - 64 on a waiver)
Supportive Employment (Age 65 and older, Under age 65)
Transitional Services/Housing Access Coordination (All Populations)
Transportation (All Populations)

Services that *exceed demand*

None

What issues/barriers are currently most critical to overcome in Cass County to ensure that persons of all ages and disabilities have home and community-based support options?

I'm not aware of any specific issues. We are able to meet the needs of these consumers at this time.

Highest Priority for HCBS Development:

We are helping to close the Ag-Gwah-Ching Nursing Home which means we need to develop two Adult Foster Care Homes along with the Department of Human Service. We also need to make sure we have sufficient funds within our waiver pools to meet the need of our consumers. This is an ongoing priority.

We will have another new Assisted Living Facility opening in our County this fall which will continue to meet our need for Assisted Living beds.

Part 3: Housing Options

Has there been any new development of Housing and/or Housing/Service Arrangements for persons of all ages and disabilities in the past two years?

Yes

of New Buildings: three

of New Units: nine

Resources for Accessible Housing

Resources for Accessible Housing that are *not available*

None Available resources (i.e., Housing Link) used to track available, accessible and affordable units

Resources for Accessible Housing that are *limited*

Subsidies for low-income persons who need home modifications

Landlords willing to allow accessibility modifications on their property

Resources for Accessible Housing that *exceed demand*

None

Housing Options

Housing Options that are *not available*

None

Housing Options that are *limited*

Subsidized rental apartments with no services

Market rate rental apartments with no services

Housing Options that *exceed demand*

None

What issues/barriers are currently most critical to overcome in order to ensure an appropriate supply of housing options for older persons and persons with disabilities in Cass County?

I'm not aware of any critical areas. We seem to grow as the needs arise as providers continue to access for needs and then meet them. We will have another new assisted living facility opening this year in Pillager. We had a new memory care facility open in 2007 in Pine River and another is being considered in Walker for 2008. We had a new assisted living facility open in Hackensack in 2007 so at this time, we believe we have the necessary facilities to meet the demand for the near future.

Highest Priority for Housing Development

Our priority will be to assist a new memory care facility in Walker and possibly assist the Leech Lake Reservation in developing a new assisted living facility on the reservation in 2009. We will also assist

DHS with putting two homes here at Walker to help with the closure of the Ag-Gwah-Ching Nursing Home in 2008.

Part 4: Long-Term Care Specialty Beds/services- Nursing Homes

Long Term Care Specialty Beds/Services that are *not available*

None

Long Term Care Specialty Beds/Services that are *limited*

Post-acute/rehabilitation

Dementia care

Heavy care, complex medical management

Long Term Care Specialty Beds/Services that *exceed demand*

None

Issues/barriers most critical to overcome in order to ensure an appropriate supply of Nursing Home Specialty Beds/Services

I'm not aware of any critical issues in this area. We have sufficient beds for this population in the County and in the area.

Top two barriers in Cass County to relocating persons from nursing homes into the community

I'm not aware of specific barriers to relocate consumers. We presently have six [6] people in nursing homes and I understand they need that level of care due to their needs. We have assisted with the down sizing of both of our private nursing homes in our County and we are presently working with the State to close the only State nursing home, Ah-Gwah-Ching.