

## 2007 Gaps Analysis County Profile: Lincoln, Lyon & Murray Counties

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

#### Services where Lincoln, Lyon & Murray Counties have *added, expanded or improved the service*

Companion Service  
Fiscal Support Entities (CDCS)  
Home Health Aide  
Long Term Care Consultation/ Community Assessment

#### Services where Lincoln, Lyon & Murray Counties have *decreased or eliminated the service*

Home Delivered Meals

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

#### Services that are *not available*

Chore Service

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

Caregiver/Family Support and Training (Age 65 and older, Age 22 - 64 on a waiver)

#### Services that *exceed demand*

None

### What issues/barriers are currently most critical to overcome in Lincoln, Lyon & Murray Counties to ensure that persons of all ages and disabilities have home and community-based support options?

Chore and companion service rates need to be increased. Streamlining of managed care requirements with the LTC requirements would be greatly appreciated. Managed care is becoming more of a barrier to service than I believe it was intended to be, by overwhelming consumers and social workers with differing requirements from different health plans. Streamlining the managed care system is a must for future success in creating a better care system for consumers.

#### Highest Priority for HCBS Development:

I continue to prioritize training my case managers, attempting to come up with a plan for specialization of their case loads, and distributing referrals by geographical location. With the huge demands which have always been on LTC case managers, the addition of managed care has only increased the complexity and difficulty of doing the LTCC case management. I am thankful for a director and board who see our increased need and have allowed me to add one LTC position in the past 6 months. I continue to be understaffed in this area due to the continuing changes and demands of the programs, and the increasing referrals.

### 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?**

No

#### Resources for Accessible Housing

**Resources for Accessible Housing that are *not available***

None

**Resources for Accessible Housing that are *limited***

None

**Resources for Accessible Housing that *exceed demand***

#### Housing Options

**Housing Options that are *not available***

None

**Housing Options that are *limited***

Subsidized adult family foster care

Market rate adult family foster care

Other subsidized housing options (e.g. Board & Lodging, Board & Care, Residential Care)

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**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 Lincoln, Lyon & Murray Counties?**

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**Highest Priority for Housing Development**

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### 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***

Dementia care

## **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**

More development of specialty floors such as Alzheimer's units is desirable in the coming years, as there seems to be an increased need for this population.

### **Top two barriers in Lincoln, Lyon & Murray Counties to relocating persons from nursing homes into the community**

Care providers in rural areas. with the lack of compensation for mileage, we have some difficulty securing adequate services for our very rural people. It is difficult but now impossible, and we continue to assist consumers who would benefit from relocation. Many of our rural consumers would be able to move into housing in a community, but most prefer to stay in their rural home.