

2007 Gaps Analysis County Profile: Otter Tail County

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

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

Adult Protection
Chore Service
Day Training and Habilitation/ Prevocational Services
Fiscal Support Entities (CDCS)
Home Delivered Meals
Homemade Service
Supportive Employment
Training and Support Services
Transportation

Services where Otter Tail County has *decreased or eliminated* the service

Adult Day Care/Adult Day Care Bath

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

Services that are *not available*

Adult Day Care/Adult Day Care Bath
Consumer Training and Education
Non-County Case Management
TBI Structured Day Program

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

Behavioral Programming (All Populations)
Caregiver/Family Support and Training (All Populations)
Companion Service (All Populations)
Crisis Respite Bed Services from Public/Private Vendor (Under age 65 on a waiver)
Employment Opportunities Promoting Meaningful Jobs, Careers, Self-Sufficiency (All Populations)
Guardianship/Conservatorship (All Populations)
Supportive Employment (Age 65 and older, Under age 65)
Transportation (All Populations)

Services that *exceed demand*

None

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

Client choice versus most efficient/effective way to meet needs. (eg using waiver funds to support an extremely high level of care - with provider concerns of safety vs. corporate foster care setting that allows for supervision and 24 hour staffing.) SMRT eligibility and recertification for SMRT - staying on top of the timeline. Also waiting for SMRT in order to access services for a person. A desire to see the common menu for all waivers completed so that access to services is equal across the waivers. Helping other professionals and community members understand the eligibility for waiver services. We receive referrals for a person to be on a waiver and they may be appropriate for the referral, however, they are

not on MA or not certified disabled. This creates some frustration on the part of the referral source as well as Otter Tail County staff. We continue to work to educate as these calls are received.

Highest Priority for HCBS Development:

Options for Supported Employment, Prevocational services. Expanded/rural transportation services. Recruitment/Training of providers with skill in meeting the needs of aging mental health clients who demonstrate behavioral and MH instability. Home Delivered Meals to persons who live in rural areas.

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: 14 (CL and AFC)

of New Units: 108

Resources for Accessible Housing

Resources for Accessible Housing that are *not available*

Available resources (i.e., Housing Link) used to track available, accessible and affordable units

Resources for Accessible Housing that are *limited*

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*

Subsidized rental apartments with support services only

Housing Options that are *limited*

Subsidized 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 Otter Tail County?

There are wait lists for individuals looking for subsidized housing especially in the Fergus Falls area. Some of the Assisted Living/Customized Living providers and Adult Foster Care Providers have wait lists. Number of handicap accessible units is not adequate - especially wheel in shower units. Housing for persons with criminal background issues. Lack of housing for the following: Housing for persons who have significant mental health issues dealing with issues related to aging. Bariatric housing. Housing and services for persons with TBI.

Highest Priority for Housing Development

Development of housing and services for persons with TBI. Adequate housing for persons with significant mental health needs who are dealing with aging issues. Housing options for persons with criminal background issues.

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*

None

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

Nursing homes that are not equipped/willing to meet the behavioral/mental health challenges of individuals with SPMI who are aging and have physical needs. Lack of emergency NH beds that would be available to seniors that are not appropriate for placement at a community behavioral health hospital. Rehab. stays that are not long enough to ensure safety upon return to the person's home. Funding issues for individuals in need of NH services but on chemotherapy.

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

Relocation is dependant on an appropriate housing arrangement and service arrangement. There are times when these cannot be arranged for a person to ensure their health and safety. This may be that there is not a housing situation or a service provider that can meet the specific individual's needs. Otter Tail County works with individuals when requesting relocation, to the best of our ability, to assist the person in accessing the services needed to relocate from the NH to a safe home in the community. Persons also become acclimated to the NH environment (including family support/comfort) which make relocation service less of an option as the person and their family don't want to leave the NH.