

2007 Gaps Analysis County Profile: Steele County

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

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

Adult Protection
Caregiver/Family Support and Training
Crisis Consultation from Public Private Vendors
Long Term Care Consultation/ Community Assessment
Training and Support Services

Services where Steele 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*

Adult Day Care/Adult Day Care Bath
Crisis Respite Bed Services from Public/Private Vendor
Non-County Case Management

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

Chore Service (Age 65 and older)
Companion Service (Age 65 and older)
Guardianship/Conservatorship (Age 65 and older, Under age 65 not on a waiver)
Respite Care, In Home (Age 65 and older)
Respite Care, Out of Home (Age 65 and older)
Supportive Employment (Under age 65)
Transportation (Age 65 and older)

Services that *exceed demand*

None

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

Receiving enough funding through the waiver programs to meet the demand for services. The current profile system, with for example the WMS listing a person age 22 - 40 as bringing in \$131.70 per day doesn't even come close to what it costs per day to serve that person with adequate case management, a day program, and residential, not to mention equipment, etc. I know that these numbers are based on historical spending but we can't spend money we don't have...the numbers would be higher if we were able to completely meet the needs of those on a waiver who are requesting added services.

Highest Priority for HCBS Development:

Housing and employment for those under 65 as these two things seem to add to overall better health and improved stability. Housing and good health care coordination for persons over age 65 as again these two things add to overall good health and longevity in the community.

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: 6

of New Units: 258

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*

None

Housing Options

Housing Options that are *not available*

None

Housing Options that are *limited*

None

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 Steele County?

Steele County has done some strategic planning which was summarized in a report called "Communities for a Lifetime". One of the areas that the governing board which evolved out of that comprehensive review is focused on is housing. The main issue that is most critical is that we as a community need to ensure that affordable and livable housing continues to be available to persons over age 65 or with disabilities. The goal is to continue and improve more coordinated partnerships between the County and key community providers, as well as members of the community as a whole to work toward advancing services which assist persons with remaining in their homes as long as possible and to continue to request and ask for funding assistance through the state and federal government, HRA, etc. to continue programs, such as Bridges, to allow persons safe and sufficient housing.

Highest Priority for Housing Development

Handicap-accessible housing and overall safe housing...not only the structure itself, but in safe neighborhoods

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

We currently have a nursing home within our County that continues to perform below the standards of the State and County. In fact, it has been coined as one of the worse in the State. Steele County would like to see the State demand improvement of service from this nursing home so that persons are getting good quality care. Also, quicker action is needed on VA reports sent to the State involving this nursing facility. The largest barrier is that we currently have persons/families in our community now who refuse to go or send their loved ones to this nursing facility so persons are seeking nursing home services outside of the County. Improvement of this facility would hopefully bring persons back to their local community for care or sec

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

Funding Willingness of persons wanting to relocate out of the nursing homes