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Health & Human Services To Conduct Family Care Community Education

Meetings

Walworth County’s Health and Human Services department will hold two Family Care community education meetings for the public on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 in the Elkhorn Area High School cafeteria. The first meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. and will be repeated at 6:00 p.m. to accommodate different schedules.

The meetings will focus on changes associated with the transition from the current Long Term Care service delivery model to the new Family Care approach that the county will operate in partnership with Community Care, Inc. a private managed care organization, starting this fall.

With increased demand for long term care services over the years, the reform was prompted by state and local officials seeking a more effective way to manage system costs and complexities while providing the necessary service to eligible elders and adults with disabilities in a more efficient and equitable manger.

As part of the long-term care reform effort, the county will also implement an Aging and Disability Resource Center for clients and the general public. Scheduled to open in August, the center will offer a single point of entry for information and assistance on long-term care issues. It will also provide improved access to a variety of resources and services for consumers, their

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families, and professionals and will work to end current wait lists. Additional information about the ADRC will be provided at the two meetings.

To request interpreter services (language or sign) contact Angela Recknagel at (262) 741-3200, 1-800-365-1587, or TTY (262) 741-3255 by June 16.