

# **Person Centered Planning Workgroup**

## **March 13, 2008**

**Participants: Angela Willis, Dakima Jackson, Dohn Hoyle, Denise Rabidoux, Marsha Ellis, Marsha Moers, Michelle Johnson, Monique Bonkowski, Priscella Cheever, Shavon Walton, Thom Hosinski, Gerilyn Powers, Andrew Farmer, Monique Bonkowski**

**Scribe: Brent Welsh**

The meeting was held at offices of The Arc, Lansing, some members joined via conference call. Denise Rabidoux and Dohn Hoyle co-chaired the meeting.

Dohn Hoyle began the meeting by presenting the accomplishments of the Workgroup. Probate judges have reduced the language to a watered down form. The Workgroup is comprised of those representing aging and those representing the disabled and are working to gather experiences that contradict probate judge concerns. From a historical perspective, the probate judges feel as though there is no need for guardianship. Denise Rabidoux asked what this Workgroup could do to assist. Dohn Hoyle noted that assisting not just with this piece of legislation, but coming up with a recommendation on guardianship as whole that would be the most effective. Denise Rabidoux asked if the Workgroup is comfortable working toward a position that Person Centered Planning not Guardian Centered Planning should be the goal. Angela Willis spoke in favor of Person Centered Planning noting experiences with having guardians act in direct opposition to what was felt to be good nursing. Andrew Farmer said thinking broadly is a fine direction to consider but pointed out that in light of pending legislation, the broad approach may too time consuming at this time. He recommended taking a formal position or making a motion of support almost immediately to be effective on the legislation. Denise Rabidoux suggested one option, in light of Andy's recommendation, would be to oppose the substitute language of the house bill. Priscella Cheever offered to help with "new" language. Essentially the goal would be to go back to the language of the original bill, which is a much cleaner bill for protecting rights.

Thom Hosinski gave an update on the Nursing Home subgroup. He noted that Deanna Mitchell is working out the participants of the study. Currently Evangelical Home - Sterling Heights and Evangelical Home - Saline, and Lutheran Homes – Frankenmuth have agreed to participate. Monique Bonkowski mentioned Lutheran Homes – Frankenmuth is going through a culture change to PCP, and that staff had initially been resistant to the culture change. The two Evangelical Homes facilities were selected due to their change to LEAP with Sterling Heights being further along in the process than in Saline. There is still a desire to find a control facility that has not gone through a culture change. The Nursing Home subgroup is still coalescing and determining what first steps are to evaluate the amount of PCP planning actually being implemented. Thom Hosinski noted that the subgroup has not had a formal meeting yet so there is little to report at this

time. The first meeting is scheduled for the first week in April and Deanna Mitchell will send out a date and time for the meeting next week.

Dohn Hoyle asked of the Workgroup is there are other things that should be worked on with LTC. Denise Rabidoux wondered if there was any interest in the group in having someone from the LTC commission to come provide an update of what occurs in other LTC nursing homes. Andrew Farmer recommended that it might not be a bad time to invite someone to have a candid conversation to discuss beyond nursing and group homes what the plans are to implement PCP across the continuum.

Denise Rabidoux summarized in the next few days the Workgroup should work together to address the pending legislation issue in a timely fashion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brent A. Welsh, Scribe