

CONSUMER TASK FORCE
Michigan Quality Community Care Council
June 23, 2009 10:00 - 12:30
MINUTES REVISIONS IN BOLD

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL MINUTES - April minutes were approved with no changes.

MISSION STATEMENT - The mission statement has been approved by everyone and the final version distributed.

SINGLE POINTS OF ENTRY - The SPEs have been eliminated by legislative order during budget negotiations. The legislature is currently reviewing the SPE final reports. The level of care determinations have reverted back to the nursing home providers. It is anticipated the number of nursing home admissions and nursing home days will increase. The number of nursing home transitions will likely decrease.

STATUS OF OFFICE -

- There is a public hearing on the Office on **June 29, 2009**. A handout on the hearing was provided. There are 2 issues involved: 1) should the office stay intact and 2) where will it be housed. Concern was expressed regarding the continued focus of long-term care for the aged AND **persons with disabilities**. If the Office is transferred to OSA, the focus on the younger population and the **persons with disabilities** may diminish. A decision must be made by September 30. Tari noted that the Office is still functioning and working on the Task Force recommendations.
- The affect on the LTC Commission and the Consumer Task Force is unknown at this time. Someone needs to take ownership of both entities. This will be more difficult if the Office is integrated among several agencies.
- Joe Longcor asked RoAnne to determine the cost to run the Consumer Task Force for one year. This may be a factor in the new Comprehensive Medicaid Infrastructure Grant.
- RoAnne did note that HUD has released 4,000 new housing vouchers nationally, with 1,000 targeted to nursing home transition persons. Michigan and Wisconsin both recommended that long-term care be included as part of the President's health care plan.
- There is a new ADRC grant being issued by the federal government. Michigan has been encouraged to apply for it. However, it will mean that we determine a new model for ADRCs.

CHCS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR INTEGRATED LTC PLANS - Peggy Brey, Bob Orme, and Susan Yontz attended a kick-off meeting of this grant in Washington D.C. last week. It appears that Michigan is behind the other states in this initiative.

FY 2010 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH BUDGET -

- Senate has released their recommendations for FY 1009/2010. It includes further provider cuts, continues the Executive Order services cuts, may provide a 50¢ raise for home help workers, has no cuts to MI Choice but does cut transportation \$11M. No new revenue methods were included. Because this is different from the House version, negotiations between the 2 houses will occur.
- The Michigan League for Human Services has convened a Group top explore methods of increasing revenue for Michigan. Tandy will send Jackie the information.
- The DD Council is having a presentation on the status of Michigan's economic crisis on July 21. Tandy will send Jackie the information.

PROJECT ACTION TEAMS (PATs) - The Office has convened a Project Action Team for each LTC Task Force recommendation. The team consists mainly of internal staff and commission members. They are working on logic models for each recommendation. The loss of the SPEs will require several of the PATs to reconsider their direction.

All teams are looking for consumer input; RoAnne is working on obtaining stipends for the consumers.

MI CHOICE AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN LICENSED FACILITIES - The MI Choice waiver amendment has been unofficially approved by CMS via e-mail, effective July 1. MSA is waiting for the formal letter. Concern was expressed about the relative ease of putting someone in licensed AFC/HA rather than pursue putting them back in their own homes. There should be follow-up with the state on the waiver agents actions, consumer driven satisfaction surveys, and assurances the waiver provided the consumer will all options and was following the consumer's choice.

Michael Daeschlein provided more information on this amendment. Waiver services in the AFC/HA may supplement the AFC/HA services or the setting may be used as an option to the housing problem for transitioned persons. AFC/HA will need to be enrolled with the waiver agent as a waiver provider; mental health contract homes are not possible settings. There are no separate slots for AFC/HA but there is separate funding. Currently, MSA is providing training to waiver agent staff on this service. The waiver agent will have a "responsible agent" role in this service to assure the AFC/HA is providing the necessary services.

It was noted that the AFC/HA rules are more restrictive than nursing home rules. At this point, there has been no analysis of the AFC/HA rules as they pertain to person-centered planning. The Olmstead Coalition was going to do this but has not at this point.

Need education of nursing home and physicians of this option.

STATE PROFILE TOOL - The final report is due July 6. It is currently at the Director's office for approval. The contractors have developed approximately 300 benchmarks; the states are to choose 35 of these.

MIG ACTIVITIES

- There are about 1,528 persons enrolled in Freedom to Work. This number should increase as Bridges is rolled out statewide. Bridges has Freedom To Work as part of its benefits hierarchy and should automatically find eligible persons.
- There is a joint agreement between DCH, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, and the Commission for the Blind to update the values and ideals of employment. They will also be working on the goals and objectives. The Executive Committee of this agreement is currently looking at data sharing possibilities.
- Db101 is being worked on. Jackie will be involved in this project. It is anticipated the calculator will be tested by the end of September. Hopefully, this will be followed by a School to Work calculator.
- MIG, DCH, and Peer Supports (for the mentally ill) are working on training on benefits planning using peer supports staff. The trainings have had good turnout. The DD Council has submitted a curriculum for training for persons with developmental disabilities.
- Project Search continues. Jill Gerrie is the project lead
- Supported Employment 101 Handbook is available. Trainings continue
- Freedom to Work Law amendment will require language revisions. Negotiations are under way. The intent is to allow persons with a spenddown to access Freedom to Work and eliminate their spenddown amounts. Cost neutrality continues to be a roadblock.
- Comprehensive grant is being worked on for 2010-2011. It will result in more funds coming to Michigan. It includes all the above projects plus fidelity (prove employment for persons with disabilities is the right thing to do), evidence-based practices, new stages of job development training, and combining various state strategic plans for employment.

SYSTEM CHANGE IDEAS (Action in bold)

- Find methods to change the philosophy and attitudes of physicians towards long-term care, person-centered planning, and Medicaid
- Find methods to continue the transportation funding. DHS has had their transportation budget cut tremendously.
- Peer support for the aging and **disability** community

OTHER

- **PROJECT STATUS REPORTS**
 - OSA - Nursing Facility Diversion Grant - OSA is finishing Phase 2 of the diversion grants that involved training in person-centered planning. The federal government has released the application for phase 3 of the diversion project. OSA has stressed quality care and person-based thinking for all ages.
- **ELDER LAW** - Kate White provided 2 handouts
 - “It’s Not Your Fault” - a combined AARP/Elder Law brochure
 - MiCAFE - “Fun Things to Do with \$16 in the Detroit Area” - using food stamps can free up to \$16 every month for you.
- **DD COUNCIL** - The DD Council also can provide people with free things to do in your community.
- **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS**

NEXT MEETINGS:

August 25, 2009

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