

Consumer Task Force
July 24, 2007
Lewis Cass Building
10:00 am - noon
MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Jacqui Day, Sara Harrison, Michael Daschlein, Joe Longcor, Kate White, RoAnne Chaney, Tari Muñoz, Orystine Gully, Jill Gerrie, Laura Hall, John Jokish, Paul Palmer, Wendi Middleton, Suanne McBrien, Robin Ripmaster, Rob Curtner, Megan Bouchard, Helen Hicks

Minutes - Minutes were approved. Rob noted that the web site for Self-Determination is mainly for self-determination values. It does not focus on person-centered planning. Also, Verna Spayth attended the meeting but was left off the Attendees list.

The Executive Committee met after the June meeting and developed the agenda and information session for the July meeting.

Office of Long-Term Care Supports and Services Update - Jackie gave a summary of the Office update. The Office did receive approval to fill the two grant positions as project manager/coordinator. CMS has responded to the prepaid LTC health plan concept paper. The Office and MSA is working on responses. MI Choice renewal has been sent to CMS for approval.

Brief Project Updates/Issues/Discussions

- **Real Choice Systems Change Grants** - CMS has asked for a response to two new grant opportunities. Michigan will be sending in a request for both grants. As such, the Office is asking the Consumer Task Force for letters of support.
 - **State Profile** - Mike D. is working on this grant. This grant will provide funds to assess Michigan's long-term care system and enhance the data collection for the State. It will also focus on dementia in its research, create an advisory group, provide

consumer support and education. CMS has already tested the profile tool in Pennsylvania. Wendi made a motion for support, Sara seconded. Motion was passed by voice vote. Laura will sign the letters as Chair of the Task Force.

- **Person-Centered Planning** - Tari and Rob are working on this grant. It has three components 1)take the existing materials and refine them. An evaluation component will be included. 2) Focus on the caregivers and their role in person-centered planning. 3) Develop independent facilitators. We will also add the option of self-determination enhancements. It was noted that the Office needs to be aware of the full continuum of services to include mental health services. While it seems to be a good idea, implementation may be an issue. Paul made a motion to support this waiver. Orystine seconded. Motion was passed by voice vote. Laura will sign the letters as Chair of the Task Force.
- **AoA Grant** - The Office of Services to the Aging will be sending in a new grant. This will be to help persons who are not MA eligible to transition out of nursing facilities. It will also look at OSA policies for barriers to person-centered planning and culture change. Wendi is also asking for a letter of support.
- **MIG** – It appears that CMS may finally approve the state plan amendment for personal care services in the work place. If CMS does not approve by October 1, 2007, the MIG funding is in jeopardy. Joe is working on a continuation grant. Its focus is: 1) policy, 2) benefits planning, 3) research and analysis, and 4) focus on supported employment outcomes. It was noted that Allegan has an incorrect number on the county spreadsheet.
- **Self Determination in MIChoice** - Tari Muñoz noted that the Telephone conference schedule that was distributed was incorrect. She will give Jackie the right dates. There are 70 people currently enrolled in self-determination. The Office is doing a version of case file audits with the pioneer sites on person-centered planning. They

are also interviewing consumers as part of these audits. The report is expected in September.

- **Independence Plus/Money Follows the Person** - Rob Curtner reported that there was a Self-Determination leadership implementation seminar. 60 people from mental health attended. There will be another seminar in September.

Consumer Introductions - Suanne McBrien and Robin Ripmaster gave some personal background information to the Task Force.

Information Session - The Self-Determination Teleconference was the information session for this month. September will be prepaid LTC health plans.

Other business

- Consumer representation - Wendi will work with the area agencies on aging to find 2-3 more aging representatives for the Task Force. Jackie will check with Nora for assistance from the LTC Connections.
- The August Consumer Task Force meeting has been canceled unless something happens that needs attention.
- Wendi noted that OSA has a staff person who can help find more funding to help support the Consumer Task Force. This may help find more outstate representatives and possibly aid in telecommunications. The Consumer Task Force asked her pursue this issue.

Next meetings:

September 25, 2007, 10:00 – noon, Michigan Association of
Community Mental Health Boards

October 23, 2007, 10:00 – noon, Michigan Association of
Community Mental Health Boards