Michigan Long-Term Care Supports and Services Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2012

Kari Sederburg, Director, Office of Services to the Aging, welcomed and introduced new members: Dr. Larry Braver, John Nelson, Tiffiny Reo, and Reginald Carter. Mr. Carter was appointed as Chair succeeding Commissioner Chaney. Ms. Sederburg thanked Commissioner Chaney for her work at chair for the past two years and she also thanked the following Commissioners whose terms expired December 31, 2011 for their service and dedication: William Mania, Yolanda McKinney, Hollis Turnham, and Toni Wilson. These members have served since the inception of the Commission in 2006.

I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Chair Carter.

Roll Call. Present: Mary Ablan, Robert Allison, Dr. Larry Braver, Reginald Carter (Chair), RoAnne Chaney, Chris Chesny (Secretary), Connie Fuller (teleconference), Dohn Hoyle, Jonathan Mead (Vice Chair) (teleconference), Karen Messick, John Nelson, Denise Rabidoux (teleconference), Cady Ramaker, Tom Rau (teleconference), Tiffiny Reo. Absent: Sharon Mack, Cyndy Viars. Ex-Officio Members: Kari Sederburg, Sarah Slocum. Coordinator: Gloria Lanum.

Chair Carter welcomed all members and thanked the public for their attendance. Chair Carter announced that meetings will operate in a way that is open and accessible to the public. The people and groups who attend the meetings are part of the community and play a valuable role in the public policy process. Meetings are held for the purpose of having a conversation and discussing the direction of long-term care and how best to advise Governor Snyder and the various state departments about what long-term care needs exist and what they should be doing when it comes to long-term care. Chair Carter explained that the role of the Commission is to speak on behalf of the citizens of Michigan and the group that members were appointed to represent and not on behalf of one’s constituency. The idea is to articulate the right public policy position in the realm of ideas, direction, and advice. The goal is to define a common set of principles that can be presented as a perspective to Governor Snyder and individual departments. Ms. Sederburg added that Executive Order 2005-14 states that the Commission is to advise the Department of Community Health.

II. Approval of Agenda. Commissioner Chesny moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Braver. Motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Hoyle moved to approve the minutes of November 22, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Fuller. Motion carried.
IV. Update on Integrating Care. The Chair introduced and welcomed Steve Fitton, State Medicaid Director, who was invited to provide an update on the integrating care plan for people eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid programs. Mr. Fitton talked about what has already been completed through the various stages. A discussion was held. Mr. Fitton stated that the plan will be based on requirements from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and input from stakeholders. He stated that the current system does not serve any population all that well right now and that there isn’t a population that wouldn’t have some benefit to having the delivery system be better coordinated across domains. The intent is to have a gradual and orderly process where individuals can be enrolled in a responsive way that their needs and desires are assessed and are placed in the most appropriate service delivery in a careful way so that services are not jeopardized. Currently, the Department of Community Health is in the process of developing key elements of the plan. This may change after the public comment period. The final draft plan is expected by mid-February and will be shared with the Commission. The Commission can help by defining what’s important to each of the constituencies and each of the individuals represented and to provide any major concerns to be taken into account in order to have a successful initiative. The deadline to get a plan to CMS is April 2012. Commissioner Chesny stated that the Commission’s Finance Workgroup will meet with Mr. Fitton to talk about payment mechanisms.

V. Medicaid LTC Policy. Brian Barrie, Manager, Medicaid Long Term Care Policy Section, provided an update on Medicaid policy bulletins, the PACE programs, and the state audit on the MI Choice Waiver and Adult Home Help Programs. A 90-day extension was approved by CMS for the renewal process of the MI Choice Waiver. A dashboard report is being prepared for long-term care services that will show how programs fit together and will track changes from one period to the next.

VI. MI Choice Waiver Update. Michael Daeschlein, Manager, Home and Community-Based Services Section, provided a MI Choice Waiver update including nursing facility transition activity. A web-based reporting system is being developed that will provide a more accurate count of applicants placed on the waiting list. The MI Choice renewal application is due to the CMS in July. A review process will take place before submitting the application. As part of the next MI Choice Waiver update, Commissioner Ablan asked if the transitions by waiver agent chart could include a break down or sub category of the average length of stay per waiver agent for their transitions. Sarah Slocum asked that the next update include the population in the service area, and individual budgets with the total enrollment in the waiver programs.

VII. Public Comment
- Hollis Turnham, Midwest Director for PHI, Lansing, asked the Commission to support the proposed federal regulations to give home care aides minimum wage and overtime protections. Chair Carter encouraged Commissioners to consider submitting comments to the U.S. Department of Labor on behalf of their individual organizations.
• Sarah Slocum, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Lansing, presented a response document that was written to provide some clarification to misleading information and in some cases corrections to parts of the HCAM/Public Sector Consultants’ May 2011 analysis of MI Choice. The intent is to share the written response more broadly.

VIII. Overview of Michigan’s Medicaid Long-Term Care Task Force. Commissioner Chaney and Carolyn LeJuste provided an overview of the Medicaid Long-Term Care Task Force and presented a draft report card document on the status of implementing the task force recommendations. The task force was created by Executive Order 2004-1 by then governor Granholm to examine the efficiency and effectiveness of Michigan’s Medicaid long-term care system and was asked to make recommendations for improvement. The work of the task force was a tremendous undertaking and a lot of effort. They began meeting in June 2004 and in May 2005 the task force submitted its final report and recommendations to the governor and legislature. It is important to know that the Medicaid Long-Term Care Task Force formed as a settlement requirement under the Eager v. Engler/Granholm lawsuit against the state. The plaintiffs were both in nursing facilities and living in the community and were being denied access to home and community-based services that supported their choice.

Provisions of the settlement included:
• Admission of the named plaintiffs to the MI Choice Waiver Program.
• Increase the number of waiver slots. In FY 03/04, new participants were admitted to the MI Choice Waiver Program.
• Efforts to ensure public information, training, and education to people who wanted to access MI Choice.
• Utilization of the same functional/medical eligibility criteria for applicants for MI Choice, nursing facilities, and PACE.
• Require contact logs and waiting lists for MI Choice.
• Efforts to offer nursing facility transition services to help individuals who wanted to live in the community.
• Creation of a Medicaid Long-Term Care Task Force. The task force made nine key recommendations to improve long-term care services and supports as outlined in the task force final report, “Modernizing Michigan Medicaid Long-Term Care: Toward an Integrated System of Services and Supports”.

The draft report card document was distributed that described the successes, current status, and implementation of each of the task force recommendations. Commissioners were asked to provide stories about how nursing homes are trying to integrate person-centered planning processes. Commissioners were also asked to review the draft report card and provide comments, missing information, and submit any questions to Wendi Middleton, Office of Services to the Aging, at Middletonw@michigan.gov.
Commissioner Chesny asked that the person-centered planning process definition and principles document prepared by the Commission’s Person-Centered Planning Workgroup and was adopted by the full Commission be attached to the report card. Commissioner Hoyle asked that the Commission’s Person-Centered Planning Workgroup be named in the report card as issuing the person-centered planning principles document to the Department of Community Health that was adopted in April 2009.

IX. Commission Discussion. Overall thoughts and comments were shared about the task force report and the draft report card document. Chair Carter explained that the basic sense of future Commission meetings and format is to arrive at a set of principles and expectations to believe in and is the right thing to do. He asked Commissioners should think about and focus on what’s important, what the broader issues are; like workforce, what the priority of those issues are, and what to do with resources and funding. Once all the information is absorbed, the Commission can provide advice to the Governor and the various state departments and help set their priorities, and suggest what their vision and perspective should be.

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<td>2. Mr. Daeschlein to provide a break down or sub category of the average length of stay per waiver agent for their transitions and to include the population in the service area, and to provide the waiver agencies individual budgets, and the total enrollment in the waiver program.</td>
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<td>3. Commissioner Chesny to organize meeting with Mr. Fitton.</td>
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<td>4. Commissioners to provide stories about how nursing homes are trying to integrate person-centered planning (PCP) processes.</td>
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<td>6. Attach the PCP process definition and principles document to the report card.</td>
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X. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.