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## Meeting Minutes

Michigan Long-Term Care Supports and Services Advisory Commission  
Michigan Home Health Association, Okemos  
Tuesday, November 22, 2011  
10:00-4:00 PM

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present: Mary Ablan, RoAnne Chaney–Chair, Chris Chesny– Secretary, Connie Fuller, Dohn Hoyle, Yolanda McKinney, Jonathon Mead–Vice Chair (telephone), Denise Rabidoux, Tom Rau, Hollis Turnham, Toni Wilson

Members Excused: Robert Allison, Sharon Mack, William Mania, Cyndy Viars

Ex-Officio Members Present: Cynthia Farrell, Kari Sederburg, Sarah Slocum

Coordinator: Gloria Lanum

Commission Chair Chaney announced that terms will be expiring December 31, 2011 for Commissioners William Mania, Yolanda McKinney, Hollis Turnham, and Toni Wilson. Members will serve until they are notified by the Governor’s Appointment Division. Two new members were introduced, Ms. Karen Messick of Comstock Park and Ms. Catherine Ramaker of Midland. Commissioner Messick will represent providers of Medicaid-funded long-term care supports and services, and Commissioner Ramaker will present primary or secondary consumers of long-term care supports and services.

II. Approval of September 27, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Turnham made a motion to approve minutes from September 27, 2011; seconded by Commissioner Fuller. The motion was carried.

III. Approval of Today’s Agenda

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to approve today’s agenda; seconded by Commissioner Rau. The motion was carried.

IV. Action Item: The Commission voted to approve the draft letter regarding opposition of HB 4936 that would eliminate lifetime personal injury protection for auto accidents. Commissioner Turnham made a motion to approve and send the letter with the change to remove “super committee”; seconded by Commissioner Fuller. The motion was carried.

V. Integrated Care

Dick Miles, Deputy Director, Bureau of Medicaid Policy and Health System Innovation, and Susan Yontz, Long Term Care Services Division Administrator, provided a status update on integrating care for dually eligible beneficiaries. Work groups have been developed and started to meet in

November. The work groups will serve in an advisory capacity to provide useful direction to MDCH on aspects of the plan. Summary documents and further information about the work groups can be found at: <http://michigan.gov/mdch> or <https://janus.pscinc.com/dualeligibles/>. Susan added that all states are requesting guidance from CMS and are asking what are the expectations and what do the states do with the existing waivers. Commissioner Chesny asked when the financing mechanism will be discussed and that the Commission has offered to lend its Finance Workgroup to be actively involved as one of the stakeholders to the financing process. Dick responded that a formal process has to be addressed and that financing will have to be consistent with CMS expectations. Susan shared that the original proposal was written to pursue integrated care as an opportunity to provide services to more people more effectively but not to save money. Commissioner Hoyle stated there needs to be a broader discussion on financing mechanisms.

#### VI. Medicaid LTC Policy

Brian Barrie, Manager, Medicaid Long Term Care Policy Section, reported the Section is working on renewal of the MI Choice Waiver on schedule until direction is provided with the integrated care plan. The current waiver expires September 2012. The renewal application is due to CMS mid-summer. State audits are being conducted for the MI Choice Waiver and Adult Home Help Program through DHS. Active expansion processes and initial discussions are taking place regarding PACE expansions. The Section is working through issues caused by the changeover from MDS 2.0 to MDS 3.0, and working with CMS as they review the expenditures and use of the CMP funds.

#### VII. TBI Waiver Program

Michael Daeschlein, Manager of the Home and Community-Based Services Section, provided information about the TBI Waiver Program. The program is small in scope and expected to serve up to 100 participants, adults age 18 and over, and the TBI sustained up to 15 months prior to their application to the program. The financial and functional eligibility is same as the MI Choice Waiver Program. Michael talked about the two levels of programming and the services provided. A key part of the program assigns supports coordination as a service rather than an administrative function. The administrative structure of the program would be through the use of an organized health care delivery system (OHCDs), e.g., MI Choice Waiver agents. Decisions need to be made about who should do this, what would the qualifications be for TBI Waiver agents, or would it be done well by a current MI Choice Waiver agent, or would you look for someone with specialized TBI expertise. Next steps include: responding to questions from CMS about the application that was submitted; receive CMS approval; develop and issue an RFP for the OHCDs; provide training to OHCDs and providers; disseminate public information and concurrently enroll participants. Outcome measures and data collection will be accessible.

#### VIII. Michigan Skilled Nursing Facilities, the Minimum Data Set, and the MI Choice Waiver Program: *An Analysis and Implications for Policy*, May 2011

David LaLumia, President/CEO, Health Care Association of Michigan and Ken Sikkema, Public Sector Consultants provided a summary of the "Michigan Skilled Nursing Facilities, the Minimum Data Set, and the MI Choice Waiver Program: *An Analysis and Implications for Policy*" study. The purpose of the study was to explore issues and trends affecting the future of long term care. For more information or to receive a copy of the report, go to [www.hcam.org](http://www.hcam.org).

IX. Public Comment

Elmer Cerano, Executive Director, Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service Inc., Lansing, provided the Commission with a report titled, "Nursing Homes: Abuse & Neglect Throughout Michigan, November 2011". The cases used in this report are examples of abusive and neglectful care and are not isolated incidents or unique to any particular nursing home. The purpose is to draw attention to this very important issue and work toward correcting the systemic deficiencies in staffing, monitoring, and reporting that may contribute to abusive and neglectful conditions.

X. Aging and Caseload Trends for Adult Services

Cynthia Farrell, provided data reports on aging and caseload ratios for adult services including adult protective services, adult community placement, and independent living services/home help clients.

XI. Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) – No updates were provided.

XII. Care Innovations™ Connect

Commission Rabidoux and Steve Hopkins presented on new technology to connect seniors and to help them stay engaged with their caregivers and community from the privacy of their own home. Evangelical Homes of Michigan partnered with Care Innovations™ and adopted the Connect as part of LifeChoices™ Service Plan. Connect provides an opportunity to help older adults living at home stay healthier and improve the quality of their lives through education, preventative care and social connectedness. Connect includes an easy- to-use digital device which serves as a communication tool as well as a social networking and wellness platform. The lifestyle and wellness coaches at Evangelical Homes of Michigan can review this information and address questions and concerns raised by users quickly and efficiently. Learn more about Evangelical Homes of Michigan's senior technology at [www.ehmchoices.com](http://www.ehmchoices.com).

XIII. Commission Announcements

The 2012 Commission meetings will be held at the Capitol View Building downtown Lansing. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

Suggested January Agenda Items:

- Invite Mary James for an update on research
- Integrated care update
- Report card on the task force recommendations
- Regular standing items (Medicaid LTC Policy, MI Choice Waiver, OSA Grants)

XIV. Adjourn

Being no further business before the Commission, Chair Chaney called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rau made the motion, and seconded by Commissioner Ablan. The motion was carried.