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Michigan Long-Term Care Supports and Services Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Michigan Home Health Association, Okemos

I. Roll Call

Members Present: Mary Ablan, Robert Allison, RoAnne Chaney–Chair, Chris Chesny– Secretary, Connie Fuller, Dohn Hoyle, William Mania, Yolanda McKinney, Jonathon Mead–Vice Chair (telephone), Tom Rau, Hollis Turnham, Cyndy Viars (telephone), and Toni Wilson

Members Excused: Sharon Mack, Denise Rabidoux

Ex-Officio Members Present: Kari Sederburg, Sarah Slocum

Staff Support: Gloria Lanum

II. A motion to approve today’s agenda was made by Commissioner Rau, seconded by Commissioner Allison. Motion carried.

III. A motion to approve the July 26, 2011 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Hoyle, seconded by Commissioner Fuller. Motion carried.

IV. Olga Dazzo, Director, Michigan Department of Community Health

Director Dazzo spoke about Governor Snyder’s health and wellness message to build a healthier Michigan. The department will work to support and implement the message statewide. The health and wellness message is a guideline for direction not only for state government but to be used as an opportunity to work together to make it happen.

The Director asked the Commission, as an advisory group, to provide advice and to express concerns about any of the various health and wellness issues specifically regarding the projected health care workforce shortages and training. She would also like members to respond to the request for information regarding the design and planning of an integrated care model for dually eligible beneficiaries. The goal is to be operational by October 2012. Director Dazzo would also like input during the review process of the Michigan Public Health Code to determine what areas need to be updated. The review process will happen next year.

V. Medicaid Update

Medicaid Long Term Care Policy

Susan Yontz, Long Term Care Services Division Administrator, shared that public comment is still being solicited for the instrumental activities of daily living services in the Home Help Program. Another home help policy bulletin will be issued for the Adult Services Program manual. A new nursing facility policy analyst was hired, Phil Kurdunowicz. The process to fill the vacant section manager position is currently taking place.

Integrating Care for Dual Eligibles in Michigan

Dick Miles, Deputy Director, Bureau of Medicaid Policy and Health System Innovation, stated that comments and questions on integrated care can be submitted to: IntegratedCare@michigan.gov. The next step is developing workgroups that will start meeting in November. Information about the project status can be found on the MDCH website at: http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,4612,7-132-2939_2939_2939-259203--_00.html. Susan Yontz reported that a letter of intent has to be submitted if Michigan is interested in participating in an already approved financing model either managed fee-for-service or capitated model. The letter of intent is non-binding and is due to CMS by October 1, 2011. The date for submitting a proposal to CMS is April 1, 2012. Commissioner Rau asked if the phased-in implementation process would be based on type of category or type of client. Susan responded that it could be both. Commission Chair Chaney is concerned about the statement indicating this is a 3-year pilot and shared that groups are concerned about programs and reforms starting and then stopping. Commissioner Turnham is concerned about the workgroup process and structure and whether workgroups will seek consensus. Dick indicated that this has not been decided yet and that it's a work in progress but there will be an official record. Commissioner Hoyle asked for transparency and engagement at each stage of the process. Director Dazzo shared that the workgroups are advisory and will gather all the information and take it into consideration but will not be writing the rules.

MI Choice Waiver Program

Michael Daeschlein, Home and Community-Based Services Section Manager, responded to the Commission's request to look into why there is such variability with MI Choice Waiver enrollment activity from one waiver agency to another. One reason is based upon the way funding is appropriated to the waiver agents. It is not based on population. The other reason is how the waiver agents have pursued urgent transitions and how they can manage their budget. Michael shared that a new web-based data system just went live which will provide a more accurate wait list. Results of a satisfaction survey conducted by Public Sector Consultants indicated that 90% of the people who transitioned to the MI Choice program responded positively to feeling that services were received on time, and 90% responded positively to feeling that the quality of services was good. A common satisfactory survey is currently being developed to be used by the MI Choice program. Data was shared regarding the number of local contact agency referrals by waiver region for the period of January through June 2011.

A reminder notice will be sent to nursing facilities of their responsibility to making referrals from the MDS question. Commission Chair Chaney would like to discuss the TBI Waiver Program and the impact of the auto no fault legislation at the November meeting.

Number of People with Dual Eligibility

Bob Orme, Long Term Care Services Manager, Actuarial Division, presented 2008 data on the number of dual eligibles by various categories such as by county, basic demographics, diagnosis and chronic conditions present in dual population, expenditures, etc. The 2008 enrollment by county indicated 207,763 dual eligibles. Bob will look into providing more detailed break downs and explanations about some of the data.

VI. Public Comment

Commissioner Turnham, Executive Director, PHI of Michigan, provided an overview of the draft state facts on Michigan's Direct-Care Workforce and asked members to review and provide comments. The final version will be distributed to members.

Barry Cargill, Executive Director, Michigan Home Health Association, shared that MHHA is watching closely the auto no fault legislation that may lead to serious challenges being faced. Mr. Cargill encouraged the Commission to discuss the impact of the legislation and to provide valuable insight to the legislature on the future of auto no fault insurance.

VII. Commission Action

Commission Chair Chaney asked for approval of the draft letters written to Director Dazzo about involvement with planning integrated care and Norm Saari about downsizing membership. Commissioner Turnham suggested the letter to Director Dazzo highlight concerns about adequacy of time to complete a plan by April 2012 and implementation beginning in October 2012.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chesny to approve the change and send both letters, seconded by Commissioner Fuller. Motion carried.

VIII. Office of Services to the Aging Grants Update

Systems Transformation Grant/State Profile Tool Grant – Wendi Middleton, Program and Partnership Development Division Manager, announced that September 15, 2011 was the last day of the 5-year Systems Transformation grant. In January 2012, a report card on the task force recommendations and STG accomplishments will be presented to the Commission. The State Profile Tool grant runs until September 2012. The stakeholder group met to review survey findings on direct service workers who provide care to individuals receiving services through the self-determination option of the MI Choice waiver. The results will be shared with the Commission once the report is completed. Based on CMS approval, there may be the possibility of extending the same kind of informational surveys across the long term care continuum.

Better Training Better Quality Grant – Lauren Swanson reported that year 2 of the 3 year grant started in September 2011. The goal of the \$2.3 million grant is to train 400 personal care aides in core personal services training and 1,300 in continuing education components. OSA is working with PHI and Michigan State University, an RN project director, and four waiver agents. Progress includes reviewing core training competencies, advertising for local trainers, promoting the training, and field testing the continuing education components (Prevention of Adult Abuse and Neglect, Home Skills Management, and Dementia). The processes for collecting data and outcomes are in development.

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) – Scott Fitton reported that OSA is waiting to hear if Michigan will be awarded a two-part grant from the Administration on Aging. The third-year of funding for the 2009 overall grant was received. The letters of intent, applications, and emerging status partners now covers 67 of the 83 counties. There are two more potential ADRC's to be approved. The 2010 options counseling grant project will begin testing state standards and start collecting data.

IX. Suggested Agenda Items for November:

- MDS study conducted by Public Sector Consultants – Pat Anderson, HCAM
- Care Innovations Connect – Denise Rabidoux
- Data report on aging and caseload trends – Cynthia Farrell
- TBI waiver and auto no fault – Michael Daeschelien
- Regular standing items (Integrating Care, Medicaid Policy, MI Choice, OSA Grants)

X. Adjournment – There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting ended. Commissioner Rau motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ablan. Motion carried.