

Michigan Medicaid Long Term Care Task Force

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****DRAFT MINUTES****

**Monday, February 14, 2005
Senate Hearing Room, Boji Tower
Lansing, Michigan**

Members Present: T. Wong, R. Carter, R. Chaney, S. Steinke, D. Hoyle, J. Mendez, T. Czerwinski, Senator Cherry, S. Gire, Representative Shaffer, J. Olszewski, J. Sutton, M. Cody, and R. Alcodray-Khalifa, M. Udow, Y. McKinney, M. Moers

Members Absent: G. Betters

Other: Kirsten Fisk for Representative Gillard, Amy Baghman for Senator Hammerstrom, Joe Claxton for M. Hardy, and Amy Slonim, Michigan Public Health Institute, facilitator.

Call to Order: The tenth meeting of the Medicaid Long Term Care Task Force was called to order at approximately 10:03 a.m. by chairperson R. Chaney.

Review and Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by S. Steinke, seconded by S. Gire. A voice vote was made to approve agenda as written. .

Review and Approval of January 21 Minutes: A motion to approve the January 21 minutes was made by M. Moers, seconded by M. Udow. T. Wong indicated that at the January 21 meeting he asked for a definition of long-term care and would like it reflected in the minutes.

Recent Developments in Medicaid Funding: Chairperson R. Chaney introduced Paul Reinhart from the Department of Community Health. He discussed the budget for 2006 and how it could affect Medicaid. He presented the information through a PowerPoint presentation. Discussion occurred between the presenter and task force.

Presentation: Recommendations and innovations for: R. Chaney introduced Representatives of the Health Care Association of Michigan, Michigan Association of Homes and Services to the Aging, and Community Medical Care Facilities. Kathy Alby from the County Medical Care Council discussed what Lenawee Medical Care Facility is doing to promote person-centered planning.

John Reardon, Administrator for White Nursing and Rehab Center in Saginaw, Michigan presented testimony from his center. He described the types of residents that are in his

center, as well as, SPE and how it would affect the residents. He expressed the changes that need to be made for it to be a better for the residents.

Melanie Ronik, Board Chair of the Michigan Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. She presented information to the Task Force about senior housing.

Presentation: Nursing Facility Transition Initiative: Chairperson R. Chaney introduced Sue Eby from the Department of Community Health, Community Living Division, and David Youngs from DYNS Services, Inc. Sue and David presented information to the Task Force regarding nursing facility transition initiative. The Task Force was given handouts of their presentation.

Presentation: Geographical Distribution of Nursing Facilities, Adult Foster Care, and Homes for the Aged in Michigan: Chairperson R. Chaney introduced Steve Bachleda and Julie DuPuis from the Department of Community Health. They presented information that was a follow-up on a request of the Task Force. Steve Bachleda indicated that if the Task Force needed more detailed information on the material presented that they can contact Julie DuPuis or him.

Adjourned at 12:45 p.m. for lunch.

Re-convened at 1:03 p.m.

Presentation: Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's Dying Before Their Time Task Force's Policy Recommendations: Chairperson R. Chaney introduced Christine Beatty. She presented a report of policy recommendations from the Dying Before Their Time Task Force, which was conducted in July of 2004. A PowerPoint presentation was given to the Task Force members to review.

Public Comment:

Charles Stegall, citizen, moved out of the nursing home at 62 using the MI Choice Program. He lived in facilities most of his life. He is feeling more independent than he ever has. It is much cheaper to help people with disabilities move to the community where they want to be.

Mary Tassel, citizen. She is 70 years old and lives in her own home because she has a personal assistant that helps her. She had a stroke two years ago. She was in the hospital, then Mary Free Bed, then Kent Community Nursing Home. She went home on Memorial Day two years ago. She has people come in help with her care and clean her home. She also has visiting physicians and nurses.

Patricia Martin, citizen. Her mother is in Oakland CMCF. Nutrition is poor, urinary tract infections are common, was not toileted for bowel movements. Her mother does not feed herself or drink on her own. Staff has abused her mother. They have tried to implement Eden, but were not successful. Now visitors have to leave at 8:00 pm. Her mom is not

getting physical therapy. She has reported incidents to the state and received nothing. She goes to see her every day. She had been in an I.H.S. facility farther away, it was terrible, and this is better.

Michael Simowski, Executive Director and Gwendolyn Graddy Dansby, Medical Director, Center for Senior Independence at Henry Ford. He discussed PACE. PACE is ready to work with the group and show how high-quality, cost-effective care is possible. Handouts were given to the Task Force.

Jan Cheney, had two children with disabilities who passed away. She applied three times for the waiver program and was turned down. There are a lot of families that use it. Remember the children. The home is the best place for children to be. Families need dependable help and support. Information needs to be user-friendly. J. Olszewski informed the Task Force of the Children's Waiver issue. A testimony similar to what was described was brought to the attention Mental Health Commission, which completed their deliberation in October of 2004. They heard about this issue with inconsistency service delivery from county to county. There are recommendations in that report around that issue if Task Force members are interested, the Department of Community Health will provide the information to them.

Jules Olson, a member of CBC's board and is a practicing attorney. For the past 20 years he has done a lot of work in nursing home litigation. The U.S. spends 1.3 billion dollars on pressure sore treatment. Debriement costs \$27,000 on average. Nursing homes must be adequately funded. Physicians must be adequately compensated. The Task Force members were given a copy of a PowerPoint presentation.

Workgroup E (Education and Meaningful Consumer participation and Oversight)

Report: D. Hoyle, chairman of Workgroup E, presented the report for the workgroup. The Task Force members will be voting on this report at the March meeting.

Workgroup G (Legislative and Regulatory Reform) Report: M. Cody, chairman of Workgroup G, presented the report for the workgroup. M. Cody provided each member with a copy of the report. The Task Force will be voting on this report at the March meeting. J. Hazewinkel will make sure that the information given in this report will be on the website by February 15, 2005.

Workgroup D (Workforce Development) Final Vote: Representative Shaffer, Hollis Turnam, and Shirley Martin addressed questions that rose regarding Workgroup D report. After all questions were addressed, the Task Force made a motion to accept the report. D. Hoyle made a motion to accept, S. Steinke seconded. A voice vote approved the report with its changes.

Updates: Other workgroups (chairs):

Workgroup A, S. Steinke indicated that the SPE finance committee would be meeting today from 3:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Workgroup C, S. Gire indicated that the workgroup is making changes to their report based on suggestions from Task Force.

Workgroup B, J. Olszewski indicated that the workgroup is working on developing its recommendation, which will be brought to the full Task Force in March. Some of the areas that are being looked at are the costs of implementing SPE, what are the existing resources to commit to that effort as well as additional resources needed. Looking at systems based on fee for service, payments, case-mix reimbursement, and managed care model, and possible hybrids as a way of looking at better financing the long-term care system. Also, looking at a state recovery or state preservation initiatives, long-term care insurance, community service banks, financial credits, and other incentives to support long-term care.

Workgroup F, R. Chaney indicated that she made changes and emailed an updated report to the Task Force.

Report Outline (J. Hazewinkel): Goal is to take the information received and combine with existing report. Encouraged the Task Force to share suggestions or changes that they may have. The report will be sent out later this week with Workgroup E and Workgroup G reports incorporated in the draft.

Next meeting date and agenda topics:

M. Cody indicated that he would like to have the Certificate of Need committee to present at next meeting.

Next meeting will be held on March 14, 2005. The location of the meeting is at the Senate Hearing Room, 124 Allegan, Lansing, MI.

The Executive Committee call will be held on February 22, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by S. Gire, seconded by S. Steinke.

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.