

Long Term Care Coordinating Council
Wednesday, November 18, 2015
10:00 – 11:30 AM
Child and Family
Main Conference Room
1268 Eddy St.
Providence, RI 02905

Draft Minutes

Attendance:

1. Vice Chair Maigret welcomed participants and announced that Chairman McKee was not able to attend as he had several prior commitments. She also announced an addition to the agenda: a report from DEA Director Fogarty

II. Approval of Minutes - Ms. Maigret noted the minutes of prior meeting would be deferred

III. Transportation Update - George Sousa provided and discussed two handouts:

1. Procedure being used for new Medical Necessity Forms to go into effect on Dec. 1st. Forms to replace the verbal attestation process now used. They are available on Logisticare website or by phone request. (See attached Talking Points)
2. Transportation report showing data elements for May 2014 and November 2014 (Attached). Data shows significant increases in membership, monthly and average daily trips; increases in number of providers, vehicles, drivers and Logisticare staff; and large decrease in incidence of No Vehicles Available. Director Fogarty asked if any urgent type trips had to be canceled due to No Vehicle available and Mr. Sousa reported that they make every effort to meet urgent trip requests by rearranging other trips. Rider no shows represented 43% of the 807 complaints in October 2015 and letters will be going out to these riders. Mr. Sousa noted that a volunteer driver program has been put in place in which the volunteer will be paid for fuel. Ms. Maigret noted that there are several volunteer programs in the state and there may be opportunity to coordinate and provider resources to expand their reach. She will provide Mr. Sousa with any information she has on them. Mr. Sousa said that there will be an upcoming driver training session.

IV. Director Fogarty reported on a number of recent and forthcoming activities of the Division of Elderly Affairs.

1. The new Pocket Manual should be available by month's end
2. The RI DEA website is still under construction
3. Through the SHIP and regional point programs 150 sessions on Medicare enrollment will have been conducted during Open Enrollment season
4. A recent program on "Hoarding" was held by the Committee on Care and Safety of the Elderly

5. A stakeholder meeting on the recently approved State Plan on Aging will be held on December 1st at the Arnold Conference Center in Cranston

V. Nursing Homes Regulatory Update – Arthur Pullano provided and Enforcement Report for October 1, 2015. Seven Re-certification/Licensure surveys were completed. No deficiencies were noted at the 3rd level, Harm. SQC Monitoring visits were held for Brookdale/North Bay (3rd monitoring visit) and Berkshire Place (1st monitoring visit). Ms. Heren asked if the Eleanor Slater Hospital should be on the list and Mr. Pullano said that this was an oversight. Ms. Maigret asked if the Health Department could provide information on Surveys of other long term care settings that are required to be inspected such as home health and assisted living. This had been done in the past by Ray Rusin on a periodic basis.

VI. Subcommittees Reports

A. Alzheimer’s Update – Craig Dwyer reported in absence of Donna McGowan that a meeting had been held at URI to discuss progress and that the various committees involved in implementation of the State Plan were continuing to meet and provide status updaters.

B. Aging in Community – Maureen Maigret reported that the Subcommittee met on Dec. 10th and received an excellent presentation on Senior Housing by Richard Staples, Chair of the Housing Works RI Board. They also heard from Bonnie Sekeres about subsidized elderly housing and what is offered at Shalom Housing which is where the meeting was held. Future meetings will continue to explore this important area. RI College Foundation which had submitted a grant to the Tufts Foundation to assist with activities of the Subcommittee expects to hear if their application is accepted for an award in mid-December.

VII. ICI Report – Holly Garvey from the EOHHS provided and update on ICI Enrollment and enrollee demographics (See attached)

VIII. ICI Performance Data – Alison Croke from Neighborhood Health Plan of RI provided information on Phase I of the ICI being administered by NHPRI. It is referred to by the state as Rhody Health Options (RHO) and is named UNITY by NHPRI. She provided selected performance data and said they have an Advisory Panel which meets six times/year. Top issues for the Advisory Panel include: Transportation, Accessing Behavioral Health, difficulties due to lack of integration of Medicare and Medicaid and lack of awareness of benefits. She described the RHO Care Management Team and explained how member contacts work (Welcome Calls, Initial Health Screening for those not in nursing homes or community LTSS, and Comprehensive face-to-face Assessments. NHPRI has submitted over 500 LTSS applications on behalf of enrollees of which 226 are pending. She noted that even if an application is pending that NHP will start services in the interim. Of those receiving community LTSS, 161 receive adult day services, 388 in assisted living and 1,687 receive home care.

IX. Public Comment –

1. Sharon Kernan reported that there has been a ruling that the new Fair Labor

Standards are not applicable to Shared Living Providers.

2. Ms. Maigret asked participants to forward information about any monthly standard meetings their organizations may have scheduled for 2016 to help determine LTCCC meeting schedule for 2016 as well as any suggestions for presentations for future meetings. She noted that the AG's Office will provide information at the January meeting on implementation of the Nationwide Criminal Background Check law that the LTCCC had supported and also that the Director of BHDDH will be asked to present on plans underway for her department.

Ms. Maigret adjourned the meeting at 11:30AM.