



**Long Term Care Coordinating Council  
Wednesday June 8, 2016  
10:00 am – 11:30 am  
Child & Family – Main Conference Room  
1268 Eddy Street Providence, RI**

**In attendance:**

Sylvia Bernal  
Deborah Burton  
Kim Capralio  
Suzanne Carson  
Shawn Conouyer  
Alison Croke  
Sandy Curti  
Jessica Doyle  
Robin Etchingham  
Charlie Fogarty  
Holly Garvey  
Dara Johnson

Kathleen Kelly  
Kelly Lee  
Roberta Merkle  
Jackie Morgan  
Jim Nyberg  
Nicholas Oliver  
Jennifer Reid  
Tammy Russo  
Bonnie Sekes  
Nancy Silva  
George Sousa  
Mike Wainer

**I. Welcome**

- Meeting called to order by Lt. Governor McKee at 10:05 a.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- On page 2 of the May minutes, Nicholas Oliver's name was adjusted from Nick to Nicholas.
- On page 4 of the May minutes, Nicholas Oliver's statement on a rate increase for Medicaid home care was changed to reflect the following: The last rate increase for DEA/DHS Medicaid home care services was FY 08, which was cut the following year in FY 09. Prior to that increase was FY 02. The last rate increase for BHDDH Medicaid home care services, then referred to as MHRH, was in FY 02.
- Minutes were approved with changes at 10:08 a.m.

### III. Budget Update from Director Fogarty

- The article for the expansion of the copay program was not included in the budget. Therefore, the Department of Elderly Affairs does not have the legal ability to expand the program to individuals with dementia diseases under 65 years old.
- Last year, the Governor added \$300,000 to Meals on Wheels. This year, that dollar amount was preserved.
- From now on, the Department of Elderly Affairs will receive a lump sum (\$400,000) of grant dollars to be distributed to senior centers. The DEA is working to develop some kind of formula for distribution. They do not yet know what the process will be.
- Respite care dollars were maintained.
- Budget information relating to voluntary guardianship of alliance dollars is still unclear.
- The DEA does not have line items for the budget. It is too early to know specifics at this point in time. The department will communicate with people via newsletter as soon as they have more information.
- Nicholas Oliver notes that any advocates in the room can obtain changes to Governor's budget today--ask for blue and white form in room 35 at the State House.
- Jim Nyberg asks if the copay rate was adjusted to mirror Medicaid rates in the budget.
- Director Fogarty notes that he does not know at this time.
- Deborah Burton asks what will happen to individuals involved in the volunteer guardianship program if it wasn't put in the budget. She raises the same question for Alliance for Better Long Term Care noting this could result in layoffs.
- Director Fogarty notes that the DEA is not sure at this point. Information has been coming in pieces at a time and they are working to sort through it all.
- Maureen Maigret asks about changes in language in the budget article on human services.
- Jim Nyberg notes that the article restores the nursing home inflation index.
- Director Fogarty notes that there are a couple staffing changes in the department. They will be doing their best to fill those positions.
- Director Fogarty notes that he is not sure what is happening with RIPTA.
- Maureen Maigret notes that RIPTA was going to keep the no fare for 9 months, but the newspaper reported 6 months. Therefore, it is most likely being kept for a period of time. Hopefully during that time there is some resolution.
- Maureen Maigret asks Lt. Governor McKee to advocate to House leadership on the issue of authorizing expansion of the DEA copay program to individuals under 65 with Alzheimer's or related conditions. She adds that Director Fogarty believes resources are there but the authority isn't. It's a matter of requesting a floor amendment to put that language back in.
- Director Fogarty notes that this isn't an entitlement program so the DEA wouldn't do it unless they knew they had the resources.
- Lt. Governor McKee asks, if the DEA has the resources, will they been taken away? Is it necessary to have the General Assembly's approval to spend that money?

- Director Fogarty says the funds are on hold, and the DEA needs a change in the budget language to expand the program.
- Lt. Governor McKee requests to know further specific details on the request and the language. He asks that specifics are verified for accuracy before submittal.
- Maureen Maignet notes that the specifics will be obtained from Director Fogarty.

#### IV. ICI Report

- Holly Garvey gives a report on the ICI as summarized below.

##### Presentation Overview

ICI Phase I Enrollment as of 5/1/2016

- RHO Mailing of New ICI eligible individuals
- ICI Enrollment by Program and Setting

ICI Phase I Opt-Out as of 5/1/2016

- RHO Opt-Outs by Setting
- Enrollment Trend

ICI Phase I Enrollment Help Line Statistics

- April and May 2016

ICI Demographics as of 5/1/2016

- ICI Demographics - Average Age and Gender

ICI Phase II Enrollment and Call Center Statistics

##### RHO Enrollment Mailing to New ICI Eligible Individuals

RHO Mailing by Enrollment Category for July 1, 2016 Effective Date

Total RHO Enrollment Mailing	Nursing Home > 90 Days	Community with LTSS	ID/DD	SPMI	Community no LTSS	RHO MA Only*
432	39	25	0	32	301	26

\*Includes DD and SPMI

##### RHO Enrollment Mailing to New ICI Eligible Individuals

RHO Mailing by Enrollment Category for August 1, 2016 Effective Date

Total RHO Enrollment Mailing	Nursing Home > 90 Days	Community with LTSS	ID/DD	SPMI	Community no LTSS	RHO MA Only*
508	33	27	11	34	383	20

\*Includes DD and SPMI

##### ICI Enrollment Statistics as of May 1, 2016

ICI Enrollment by Program and Setting

Setting	RHO	PACE	Not Enrolled	ICI Eligible Total
Nursing Home > 90 Days	2,744		2,089	4,833
ID/DD	2,072		396	2,468
Comm. With LTSS	1,800	276	1,528	3,128
SPMI	1,800		562	2,370
Comm. No LTSS	12,711		4,056	16,767
MA Only*	562		226	816
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,697</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>8,667</b>	<b>30,630</b>

\*Includes DD and SPMI  
\*\*Includes PACE

##### RHO Opt out Statistics

RHO Opt Out by Setting as of May 1, 2016

Setting	# Opt Out RHO	% Opt Out of total ever enrolled	% Opt Out of total ever mailed
SPMI	224	10%	9%
ID/DD	278	12%	10%
Community with LTSS	1,315	40%	30%
Nursing Home > 90 Days	1,224	23%	18%
Community no LTSS	2,000	11%	10%
MA Only*	146	15%	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,215</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>16%</b>

\*Includes DD and SPMI

##### ICI Enrollment Trend - June 1

##### ICI Enrollment Help Line Statistics

ICI Enrollment Help Line Statistics April and May 2016

Description	April 2016	May 2016
Total Calls	22	83
Total Opt-Out Requests	11	14

April Statistics

- 44% Provider does not accept
- 41% Satisfied with MFFS
- 15% Services they received from NAD are less in hours

May Statistics

- 89% Satisfied with MFFS
- 10% Do not want change
- 1% Provider does not accept

Average talk time: 4:43  
Average # of All Calls Daily: 18

##### ICI Demographics: Average Age

Setting	RHO	PACE	Not Enrolled	Total ICI Eligible
Nursing Home > 90 Days	82		82	82
ID/DD	48		47	48
Comm. With LTSS	72	76	74	73
SPMI	49		51	49
Comm. No LTSS	59		62	60
MA Only*	27	69	54	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>63</b>

\*Includes Nursing Home > 90 Days and Comm. With LTSS

##### ICI Demographics: Gender (% Female)

Setting	RHO	PACE	Not Enrolled	Total ICI Eligible
Nursing Home > 90 Days	74%		71%	73%
ID/DD	47%		49%	46%
Comm. With LTSS	70%	70%	76%	74%
SPMI	51%		53%	51%
Comm. No LTSS	61%		63%	61%
MA Only*	64%	68%	53%	61%
<b>Total</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>62%</b>

\*Includes Nursing Home > 90 Days and Comm. With LTSS

##### Phase II - Enrollment Schedule (Opt-In)

Wave	# of People	Letters Mailed	First possible enrollment date
Wave 1	300	June 1	July 1
Wave 2	1,693	July 1	August 1
Wave 3	1,694	August 1	September 1

Enrollment waves include all population groups - Nursing facility residents, duals with LTSS, duals without LTSS, SPMI and ID/DD individuals.

##### Phase II - Enrollment Schedule (Passive)

Wave	# of People	1 <sup>st</sup> Letter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Letter	Enrollment effective date
Wave 4	TBD	Aug 1	Sept 1	Oct 1, 2016
Wave 5	TBD	Sept 1	Oct 1	Nov 1, 2016
Wave 6	TBD	Oct 1	Nov 1	Dec 1, 2016
Wave 7	TBD	Nov 1	Dec 1	Jan 1, 2017
Wave 8	TBD	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1, 2017
Wave 9	TBD	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1, 2017

##### Phase II - MIMP Enrollment Line Statistics

ICI Enrollment Help Line Statistics as of June 6, 2016

Description	June 2016
Total Calls	2
Total Enrollment Requests	2

- 432 individuals were offered enrollment into Phase I for July.
- 508 individuals were offered enrollment into Phase I for August.
- The opt-out rate is up a bit from April (5,203 to 5,215)
- Data on demographics is consistent with last month's report.
- Nicholas Oliver notes that the data reads 490%, which must be a misprint. Holly notes that it is in fact a typo—the correct figure is 49%.
- A committee member asks if the age for the demographics section is the mean, median or mode. Holly replies that it is the median.
- Kelly Lee asks if there is any way to identify/rectify discrepancies in the PACE program numbers.
- Holly Garvey replies that she will work on that issue and come back with an answer for the next meeting.

- Holly Garvey notes that a mailing was sent out to 500 individuals for Phase II on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The first enrollment date will be July 1<sup>st</sup>. Phase II: we sent out mailing on June 1<sup>st</sup> to 500 individuals, 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment date will be July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Holly Garvey notes that 17,500 individuals are anticipated to be eligible for passive enrollment.
- Kelly Lee asks a follow up question on the location of the enrollment help line center.
- Holly Garvey notes that work is being done with the Health Source RI call center operator. They will be operating the ICI call center at the end of 6 months.
- A council member adds that in addition to the helpline, there are in-person counselors who can meet 1 on 1 with individuals who need assistance. The 24 hour number 462-4444. Five individuals have called so far.
- Maureen Maigret notes that there is an ICI information council under EOHHS. The next meeting of the council will be on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Maureen also compliments EOHHS for a series of great FAQ sessions for providers.
- Holly Garvey notes that in terms of the Phase I report, there is working being done to come up with a new, transparent dashboard to report on call center activity.
- Maureen Maigret adds that in in May, she presented at the American Geriatrics Annual Meeting on a panel about the ICI. She notes it was well received and that it was nice to showcase Rhode Island at that event.

#### **V. Subcommittees Review**

- There is no update for the Alzheimer's Executive Board. It is set to meet in the next week.
- Maureen Maigret provides an update on the Aging in Community Subcommittee. Maureen notes that all council members should have received an invite to the June 14<sup>th</sup> Aging in Community event at the State House at 2:00 p.m. The committee will release its full report which can be found on the Lt. Governor's website. Maureen thanks everyone for their hard work on this report and notes that the subcommittee will dissolve after the presentation. In place of the subcommittee, a Coalition to Build and Age Friendly Rhode Island will be formed.
- There is no update for the LGBT Subcommittee.

#### **VI. Nursing Home Regulatory Update**

- There is no one present at this meeting to provide an update.



- Nicholas Oliver asks for an update on any progress made on getting more bariatric providers.
- George Sousa responds that they have had success in getting a few providers to agree to this. In some cases, LogistiCare will offer providers more money for bariatric services and some will then accept. This is still an issue that is being worked on.
- A council member asks how many provider transports LogistiCare currently has. George notes that as of May, there are 188,000 and about 510 or 515 vehicles (RPITA is counted as 1.)

#### **VIII. Follow up of Action Items from 5/11/16 Meeting**

- Craig Dwyer reports that requests relating to the Dental Association have been taken care of.
- He notes that he attended one of the aforementioned FAQ sessions hosted by EOHHS and asks Kelly Lee, who also attended, to give her perspective.
- Kelly Lee notes that the session was a good opportunity for feedback.
- Maureen Maigret notes that there were some questions related to the healthcare regulations report that was distributed at the last meeting. She adds that no one is here today to address those questions, but in the fall someone should be invited to shed light on that information.

#### **IX. Formation of Two New Workgroups**

- Maureen Maigret announces that two new workgroups will be formed. She asks anyone who is interested in health and exploitation/elder justice or nurse delegation in homecare to contact Craig Dwyer for more information about participation. She adds that this will be a working group and not an official subcommittee.

#### **X. Public Comment**

- Lt. Governor McKee asks Andrea Palagi to introduce the two interns present from the Lt. Governor's Office.
- Julianna Marandola from Cranston will be a sophomore this year at Boston College. She is interested in business and is currently in BC's school of business. Brendan Nigro is a resident of Cumberland. He will be a sophomore this year at the University of Virginia where he studies statistics.
- Kathleen Kelly introduces RIALA's intern, Dara Johnson.
- June 15<sup>th</sup> at the State House is World Elder Abuse Awareness day at 3:00 pm. Wear purple!
- Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> in North Scituate will be an Elders Friendly Farmer Market. More info will be available on elderinfo.com.

- Lt. Governor McKee adds that he recently attended an indoor farmer's market event at Hope & Main in Warren. He notes that they run about 60 businesses out of a single building and recommends that members visit they facility if they have the chance.

#### **XI. Next Meeting**

- The next meeting scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> falls on Yom Kippur. Craig Dwyer will be reaching out to all members with a new next meeting date.

#### **XII. Adjournment**

- Lt. Governor McKee wishes all members a good summer and encourages them to stay connected so the group can keep the ball rolling on all the excellent work done this year.
- Maureen Maigret adds that she hopes to see all members next Tuesday for the Aging in Community Report reveal.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.