



Long Term Care Coordinating Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday February 8th, 2017
Child and Family, Main Conference Room, 1268 Eddy St., Providence, RI 02905

Attendance:

Amanda Graziosi	Jackie Camilloni	Maureen Maigret
Andrew Manca	Jenn Crosbie	Meghan Connelly
Arthur A. Pullano	Jim Nyberg	Mykahla Gardiner
Bethany Skinner	Karen Statser	Nicholas Oliver
Bonnie Sekeres	Kathleen Hefen	Paula Bradley
Brenda DuHamel	Kathy McKeon	Rita Towers
Cheryl Patnaud	Kelly Lee	Sandra Fournier
Connie Milbourne	Laurie Ellison	Sandy Curtis
Dawn Allen	Lisa C	Shawn Cournoyer
Deborah Burton	Liz Fortin	Susan Bouchard
Debra Driscoll	Maria Barros	Suzanne Carson
Diana Beaton	Maria Petrillo	Suzanne Carson
Dori Alger	Marianne Raimondo	Sylvia Bernal
Grethen Ben	Mary Barry	Virginia Burke

- Called to order by Maureen Maigret, 10:04am.

Approval of Minutes of January 11th, 2017 meeting: Approved as amended – J. Nyberg motion, second K. Heren

UHIP Update – Stephanie

- Office is aware there are issues still occurring and they are being worked on diligently. It is understood that the que is still not fully functioning for long term care. Everyone will be notified when the process is rectified so applications can be put on line once again.
- The goal is to have billing period completed by March, at latest April. Assisted living and nursing homes have been paid. It continues to be a very challenging and painful experience for everyone. Meeting took place on Friday to encourage partners to assist with home visits to complete recertification.

Q: How are the applications getting processed by the 'workers'?

A: Now done by paper and 'human que' and entered in by person. There are a lot of check points and it's taking longer to process the application as a result.

Q: Nursing homes are in a new billing cycle, are you going to continue to pay this month again?

A: Refer to Jennifer Wood, not sure if that will happen or how.

- Stephanie provided an informal report with rough numbers. There is currently a back log of clients. 119 clients approved and waiting for a provider. 25 waiting 12 months or more. 165 clients not approved for services. 900 case management visits to existing and new clients. 1/3 of the visits haven't been able to receive services.

Healthy Aging Initiative- provided by Deb Florio

- Governor's budget proposes 300,000 people on RI Medicaid. Long Term Care \$600m. Working to improve that system. This initiative looks at what services are currently available and where they can be improved; what nursing homes are providing that is not provided in community. Investigating resources for seniors who are not on Medicaid, and how they can be assisted.
- Heavily weighed to institutional care.
- We don't have a business system in the long term care side like hospitals.
- Improving what we have and adding behavioral health issue services.
- Community input was accepted - was not done in a vacuum.
- Four (4) focus groups provided input to develop this initiative.

- Reviewed Aging in Community Report, State Aging Report, used feedback from those reports as well.
- Strengthen support for the Caregivers.
- Community support - looking to establish a new residential dwelling as a step removed from assisted living.
- Money for Healthy Aging is in legislation right now. The money that has been allocated is going towards this. We will do as much as we can with no money.
- More to come and everyone will be updated.

Treasurer's office – Lisa C. - Able Program

ICI Report – Dawn Allen - February Report

Q: Are passive enrollment letters to nursing home residents going out?

A: Passive enrollment – we are not going to passively enroll people already in nursing homes. No residents will be removed none will be added at this time.

Q: UHC program- what is happening?

A: UHC is a Medicare advantage plan – same population – but they manage only Medicare.

- **Sub-Committee Report**

Alzheimer's Report -Rosa DeCastillo

Working on communicating updates as they become available. Updated status report will be redistributed.

- **Aging in Community / Healthy Aging**

100 people attended the kickoff. Groups need to convene and work on strategies and next steps. Next meeting will provide group leaders. Information on the website www.agefriendlyri.org

LGBT Update

- Two groups, working to put into a place a plan that would be available within a few months.
- Q: Would that include a need for assisted living to have expertise or training in LGBT community?
- A: Looking into training for everyone.

Legislative Initiatives

Several initiatives are being worked on, but not yet filed. Nicholas Oliver discussed and encourage passage and support of House bill 5327 – related to most medically fragile children – hearing is tonight – budget neutral
Trying to make sure the children receive high quality of care during the school day from qualified nurses. Ensuring that pre and post school care is consistent with school care, to provide continuity.

We are going to keep you informed about what bills are out there. As agencies you can choose which bills you would like to support.

Revision: Next week is cutoff date to revise membership and provide updates.

Oral Health Sub Committee: On the next agenda – meeting to hopefully be schedule between now and the next meeting.

Andrew Manca– Deputy Director for DOH, Division customer services - Andrew.manca@health.ri.gov

Arthur provided update:

Long term surveys 9 have been completed
Non were determined to be at the harm level
Waiting for plan of corrections from these locations
To date, 13 completed – all citations that were given, have been corrected

Recommended that certification continue for another year
Assisted living program – 2 surveys
Identified concerns and now waiting for plans for correction
6 complaint investigations – no issues identified

Next Meeting March 8th, 2017. Meeting Adjourned at 11:31 a.m. by Maureen Maigret.

Respectfully, T. Dube, Exec. Sec. Office of Lt. Governor McKee