



Long Term Care Coordinating Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday, March 8th, 2017

Child and Family, Main Conference Room, 1268 Eddy St., Providence, RI 02905

Attendance:

Amanda Graziosi
Arthur A. Pullano
Cathy Gorman
Charles Fogarty
Christine Amedeo
Dawn Allen
Dianna Shaw
Donna McGowan
Frank Spinelli
Holly Garvey

Janet Spinelli
Jim Nyberg
Karen Statser
Kathleen Heren
Liz Fortin
Maria Petrillo
Mary Barry
Mary Lou Moran
Maureen Maigret
Michelle Szylin

Mike Walker
Mykahla Gardiner
Nicholas Oliver
Paula Bradley
Samuel Zwetchkenbaum
Sandra Fournier
Sandy Curtis
Skye Leedah
Suzanne Carson

Welcome: Meeting called to order by Maureen Maigret at 10:12am.

Approval of Minutes of February 8th, 2017 meeting: Minutes approved as amended by Nicholas Oliver seconded by Kathleen Heren.

ICI Report – Dawn Allen

- In the process of working on figure out our future enrollment plan. Looking at a couple different ways moving forward.

Q: Opt on Integrity on medications not being covered...any information about which medications?

A: It's more of education and questions. It's on the website and it's very robust, but a lot of the members are not tech savvy and have trouble finding it.

Q: What changes may affect with the new CMS, Medicaid Director? | A: They are ensuring us that we should not be worried.

Sub-Committee Review

• Alzheimer's Update

- Reorganization of the board and committees. Looking to draft of the updated report by June 2018. Be able to have the draft for a year and update it in time for June 2019.
- Caregiver's Journey Conference, Friday, April 21st beginning at 8:30am. At the same time, there will be a research symposium.
- *Q: Does the State provide funds? | A: 10,000 grant from DEA*

• Aging in Community / Healthy Aging

- Legislation that has been introduced. We had a hearing last week in the Senate. The Governor's healthy aging has pieces for building aging friendly communities.
- Aging Friendly RI Coalition has a meeting this week and we are asking them to recruit members for each domain groups. If interested let Maureen know.
- AARP in RI is a partner and they are doing work with local initiatives. Avedisian looking to become part of it.
- LG: we are going to reaching out to the municipalities and bring the plan to each city and town. Get them to gather people in their communities to get the information out. Catch up with what is going on in each
- *Q: Do you have leaders for each domain? | A: we do have leaders but we need participants. We need a group lead for Economic Security.*
- The LG's office has offered to coordinate the meetings with the 39 communities.

• LGBT Report

- Flyer on table regarding the LBGT Café.

- **Oral Health**

- Dr. Sam looking to have a brief organizational meeting after this meeting. Looking for a date and time to meet that works with everyone.
- *Q: Anything in the healthy aging relating to oral health? | A: Didn't make it in.*
- Maybe we could compile a list of where you can go to receive dental care.
- We can see what other States have done and maybe mirror what they are doing.
- There's so much to communicate about the oral health of the elderly.
- Discussion ensued.

- **Nursing Homes Regulatory Update – Arthur**

- Feb 9 LTC surveys completed
- 5 facilities found free of concerns
- 4 facilities – concerns not at harm level – waiting for plans of correction
- 4 f/u completed and have been corrected – cert continued for another year
- 3 complaint investigations completed
- Assisted living – 6 surveys completed – 14 complaints investigated – no citations given.
- Discussion ensued regarding organizational changes.
- *Q: are we meeting the state requirements with all these changes?*
- *A: some of them we are, but some of them we are not. Nursing facilities are being met. 1 surveyor for assisted living and she is out all the time.*
- Health Dept website has an updated list of the latest survey reports.
- Discussion ensued regarding Bill 0502.

- **Legislative Reports**

- Document put together and on the table for handout. If anyone has anything send out to Craig Dwyer.
- Bill H-5327 / S-152 – thank the LT Governor for his letter of support.
- Trying to update the LTC statute – working on rewriting, revising, and getting sponsors if needed. Circulated with the House and Senate.
- Nicholas Oliver: Can the draft bill be shared with the council?
- Maureen: Yes, we will share it with the group.
- Hearing tomorrow night in House Finance for Article 13 of the budget. House bill 5795 sponsored by Serpa. Discussion ensued regarding the bill.
- Thank you, Maureen for your testimony on the 28th. Thank you, Christine for being at the hearing and helping with the discussion.

- **Public Comment**

- RIDEA provided bus passes to the Point. They are at different sites and we are looking for other ways to get the word out there. We are giving them away at outreach events and visits.
- Tuesday April 11th RI Homecare and Hospice day 2-3pm state room – presentation on pediatric bill – honoring 2 legislators – presentations from parents as well. 3pm annual rally – rotunda honoring 3 legislators. Information tables as well.

Following Approved Filed Minutes are the reports and handouts presented at the meeting.

Next Meeting April 12th, 2017.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:26am by Maureen Maigret.

Respectfully Submitted by: Tabatha Dube, Executive Secretary, Office of the Lieutenant Governor