



Long Term Care Coordinating Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday, October 11, 2017

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

Attendance:

Amanda Graziosi	Deb Burton	Kathleen Heren	Mykahla Gardiner
Arthur A. Pullano	Donna McGowan	Kathleen Kelly	Rachel Azzolina
Bonnie Sekeres	G. Patry	Kelly A. Lee	Sam Zwetchkenbaum
Cathy Gorman	Holly Garvey	Laurie Mantz	Sandy Fournier
Christine Emond	Jeanne Gattegno	Lori Light	Thomas Martin
Connie Milbourne	Jen Bowdoin	Maria Petrillo	
D. Karen Enright	Jim Nyberg	Maureen Maigret	
Dawn Allen	Karen Statser	Michelle Szylin	

- 1. Welcome:** Meeting called to order by Maureen Maigret at 10:09am. Introductions by everyone.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of 6/14/17:** Motion to approve with corrections and all in favor.
- 3. ICI Report – Dawn Allen:**
 - Moving to quarterly passive enrollments and will be reporting quarterly moving forward
 - Where do the nursing home folks fall; passive enrollment or opt-in? It depends on the coverage the individual has.
 - Is anyone going out to speak with the nursing home individuals? Dawn will send the information about their plans and where they are going.
 - You can contact RIPIN to have someone come out to provide education to your facility.
 - There is no limit for how many times you go in and out of either program.
 - If you disenrolled from integrity you automatically go back to unity. They would have a Medicaid card and a Medicare card.
 - Why is there a higher opt-out rate for LTSS? We don't know. Losing their Medicare part D plan, may have an influence. We do see people sign back up and when they ask why, it's because that there are no copays for prescriptions.

*NHP has a Nurse Practitioner program for Nursing Homes so that people can avoid going to the hospital. Someone from NHP to present that program at the next meeting.

- 4. Jennifer Bowdin: LTSS ACO**
 - Bringing the program underway this winter. Focused on primary care and hospitals. Specialized LTSS ACO program. Partnership with CMS, 129 million through 2020. Health system transformation process. 77 million over 4 to 5-year period.
 - Setup a special program for long-term care providers, they will build their own accountable entities, to participate in alternative payment models. Build partnerships with other providers.

Comment: It seems that CMS has directed that we move towards alt payment models.

Working to get on the same page for all providers and payers.

Q: what would happen if no one pursues this in the first round?

A: be surprised if no one applies. We have 5 that are already working as ACOs. We have made a strong committee to the LTC community. We would take a step back and reinvest the money into a project.

Q: what the process for distributing the money?

A: they have to be certified to receive the money. They need to provide a plan, contracted, and approved to be participating. They have to meet milestones and achieve performance outcomes.

Q: what type of people would ask to participate?

A: depends on who wants to partner together. Ideally a strong transition program needs to be part of this program.

- c. Next step is to release an application for providers who want to participate.
- d. We are hoping to start before July 1, but it will be an evolution process.
- e. CMS normally has 60 days to approve and comment, but it's gone passed that now. Somethings need their approval and some just need their review. The feedback from CMS hasn't given us a reason to hold the program up.
- f. Requirement for integration with the behavioral health. There's a lot of flexibility in what it means to each provider.
- g. Stakeholder meeting: October 18th 9:30am -11am metro center

5. Subcommittees Review

- a. **Alzheimer's Update:** in the process of updating the plan with existing and new items. We have applied to Tufts and RI Foundation for \$30,000 for RFP to update the plan, Alzheimer's Association will be the fiscal agent.
- b. **Aging in Community / Age Friendly RI:** recent events were well attended and went very well. The \$40 mil bond issue that was approved, the regs are out there, the apps should be coming out by the end of the year. People are interested in affordable housing for the elder population. Healthy Aging is moving forward. Transportation is a huge area. RIPTA had a status meeting update on October 5th; power point hopefully will be put on their website. Maureen will send information out when it has been placed on their website. We do receive a small amount of federal money for transportation. Pilot program to provide behavioral health program with community healthcare. Understand that it is going very well.
- c. **LGBT Report:** conference Nov 3rd at Save the Bay – flyers will be sent electronically
- d. **Oral Health:** monthly 2nd Thursday at Alliance for Better Long-Term Care. Working on a Senior and adults with disabilities oral health plan. Moving along well and should have a draft soon. Working to develop a survey with facilities regarding dental services that are being provided. Piloting a caregiver website with oral health advice for caregivers.
- e. **New Behavioral Health Subcommittee:** asking if there is any interested in participating on a subcommittee.
 - i. Health Centrix - Pilot program started to provide a training program for nursing homes. Nursing homes that have the highest population of behavioral health issues. Looking to launch the first training in November. Working with RIC on the training.

6. Nursing Homes Regulatory Update:

- a. LTC surveys completed 7 surveys
- b. No harm level citations
- c. 5 FU visits – everything was corrected
- d. Special focus facility right now – Oak Hill in Pawtucket
- e. UHIP – no feedback right now from facilities

7. Public Comment:

- a. Budget initiatives – will try and get information for the next meeting
- b. Donna McGowan – thank you everyone that participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Funding is still open until the end of December.

8. Pending Legislative Discussion:

- a. looking to get some legislation in this next session and looking for suggestions.
- b. Financial exploitation of elders for banks to freeze accounts when they are suspicions are elder financial exploitation. Delaware has some good beginning legislation.
- c. Police Training – add elder abuse to the police training.

9. **Next Meeting:** November 8, 2017 at 10am at Child & Family

10. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at Maureen at 11:37am.