



Long Term Care Coordinating Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday, March 14, 2018

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

Attendance:

Amanda Graziosi	Jody Shue	Michelle Brophy
Brittany Gilligan	John DiTomasso	Michelle Szylin
Chris Gadbois	Karen Statser	Mike Walker
Craig Dwyer	Kasin Yarn	Mykahla Gardiner
Deb Bonin	Katie Enright	Paula Bradley
Diana Desjardins	Kelly A. Lee	Paulette Hamilton
Diane Facha	Laurie Ellison	Rita Towers
Dianna Shaw	Laurie Mantz	Robin Etchingham
Donna McGowan	Linnea Tuttle	Sandra Fournier
Donna Valletta	Lori Light	Sandy Curtis
Gail Patry	Marianne Raimondo	Sheila DiVincenzo
Holly Garvey	Mario Olivieri	Virginia Burke
Jim Nyberg	Maureen Maigret	

Welcome: Meeting called to order by Maureen Maigret at 10:06am. Introductions given.

Approval of Minutes of 1/10/18: Motion to approve as submitted by Kelly Lee, seconded by Chris Gadbois, all in favor.

Presentation about Personal Choice by Linnea Tuttle: A program allowing those who want to stay in their homes, can hire their family members as caregivers with the exception of a spouse. Those who are not able to make their own decisions due to dementia, can get another person to fill in the application. The process includes an application, BCI background check, and wages are paid directly to the caregiver. A spouse cannot be a paid caregiver yet any other family member can be hired. The process takes about three months from application and is paramount to a person-centered plan in that the person gets to choose where their budget goes for their care. This program must be managed by the individual and reporting is very important. Monitoring does take place. Three agencies are currently offering Personal Choice: *Tri-Town*, *Access Point RI*, *Seven Hills*. Tri-Town is not currently accepting applications. There is a wait list of approximately 195 people who have started the process. Further questions on the program should be directed to Co-Chair Maureen Maigret.

Home and Community Based Final Rule – Presented by Linnea Tuttle: Presented to the community in 2014 and we have until 2022 to be compliant with the rule. Involves looking at all services, including integration, behavioral health, adult day and group housing, as well as other agencies to enable patients to be directing what they want to do, what places they want to visit, what is beneficial to them, thus allowing them more autonomy in making decisions. This data collection and culmination of the process is underway.

Office of Veterans Affairs overview was provided by Director Kasim Yarn: His presentation highlighted the new and updated Veteran's Home, the *Veterans Cemetery* that supports the families of 34,000 of our heroes as well as numerous programs that are available to all veterans. He gave an overview of the *RI Serves Program* that is a referral program used by various agencies, members and referral sources to keep a veteran's request moving through the system quickly. During his brief tenure, he has made it a point to visit every Town Manager, Mayor and Town Administrator in the state. He continues to look for ways to improve how the State of Rhode Island serves and supports its veteran population.

LogistiCare Overview by Diane Fache: Most people transported are to medication assisted treatment centers, followed by medical appointments for the elderly. Drivers recently received training on how to communicate with passengers especially those with behavioral issues. This training will be mandatory training for all drivers. More than one passenger is allowed for transport. Transportation meetings will continue at the Alliance for Better Long- Term Care Office.

ICI Report Update by Dawn Allen: The report has been mailed out to individual. Dawn sent out data by population group. Questions can be directed to Dawn at Integrated Care.

Subcommittees Review

The Alzheimer's Sub Committee stated that the press event to announce the \$30,000 provided by the Rhode Island Foundation and the Tufts Health plan was well received. Thanks to all who attended the event and to the media who took note! Brief non-mandatory RFP info session will be held at the Lt. Governor's Office at 10 am on March 23. The RFP **submission is due on 4/2/18, bid opening on 4/3/18** at 10 am in the Lt. Governor's Office. **Award is April 6** - Project runs from April 6 to October 31, with focus groups in senior centers, libraries, etc. The finished project recommendations will be submitted to the legislature in 2019.

Aging in Community: We continue to support and testify in support of legislation concerning aging and long- term care.

Age Friendly RI: Since last update, had a group leader meeting and discussed the Westerly meeting with the municipality, as well as Pawtucket. The recreation department in each community is looking how senior activities can be addressed in the towns, Civic engagement group working on brochure on how to get involved. Healthy eating group is working on getting info out to populations and Age Friendly will also explore expanding "the Village Concept" model in northern RI. RI College is developing a program to connect communities, providing credits for the work they do in the older adult community. Maureen and Marianne are presenting in San Francisco next week on the Age-Friendly RI work at the National ASSA conference.

LGBT: no report this week

Oral Health: Dental Mini Residency Fair held at the Crown Plaza that was very successful. More opportunities to learn of the importance of good oral health continue to expand. The RI Dept. of Health recently provided regulations to assist in making good oral health a part of older lives.

Behavioral Health Subcommittee: Meetings will be held at the Substance Use and Behavioral Health Council at 200 Metro Center Blvd.

Next Meeting: April 11th at 10 am at Child & Family Services

Adjournment: Motion made and approved to adjourn at 11:30am