

**Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs
74 West Road; Cranston, RI 02920
Garden Conference Room
Home & Community Care Advisory Committee
Minutes
October 22, 2013**

Attendance:

John O'Hara; Co-Chair, AARP / Mary Ladd; DEA / Charles Dress; AARP / Edward Curis; Leading Age / Andrew Powers; DOH / Diane Gallagher; Alliance BLTC / Cristina Amedeo; United Way The Point / Linda A'Vant-Deishinni; Diocese of Providence / Verteal Patterson; AARP / Nelia Odom; Healthcentric Advisors / Nicholas Oliver; RI Partnership for Home Care / Catherine Taylor; Director DEA / Dayna Gladstein; Child & Family Services

The meeting began at 9:05 AM. Introductions followed.

The September 24, 2013 Minutes were reviewed. No changes, corrections or additions were noted. Minutes accepted.

Overview of Child and Family Services' new role as Providence Care Management Agency

Dayna Gladstein; Vice President of Community Services – C&FS

Child & Family Services (C&FS) is a community service agency and community center located on Aquidneck Island and has been in service for approximately 100 years. C&FS services provides a broad and comprehensive range of services that are cross generational. One year ago, C&FS took over Casey Family Services located on Eddy Street in Providence. The new Providence C&FS facility has been designed to mirror the Aquidneck Island agency. In October 2013, C&FS entered into a contract with DEA to deliver elders services for both home & community based services and protective services. Information packets on C&FS were distributed to meeting attendees.

Initiative and Program Updates from Healthcentric Advisors

Nelia Odom; Senior Program Coordinator / Healthcentric Advisors

Healthcentric Advisors (formerly Quality Partners of RI) is the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) contractor for the State of RI. A power point presentation was distributed to all meeting attendees. The presentation is titled "Healthcentric Advisors Organizational Overview" and includes information on the organization's mission, history, current scope of engagements, contract elements, selection for National CMS pilots, past engagements, special improvement projects and advanced care planning.

Update on Alzheimer's State Plan and Federal Government Shutdown

DEA Director Catherine Taylor

Alzheimer's State Plan next steps: There are thirty pages of recommendations which will now be prioritized. At the next meeting of the Alzheimer's State Plan group, a work plan will begin to be developed.

Federal Government Shutdown: As a result of the federal shutdown, there has been a negligible effect on DEA. There will however, be a lag time in receiving federal funds until January 2014.

DEA Home and Community Based Services Report

Prepared by Paula Parker; distributed by Mary Ladd

Report #1: SFY 2013 Home and Community Care Utilization by paid date totals (with a comparison to SFY 2012 totals).

Report #2: SFY 2014 First Quarter Home and Community Care Utilization Report (with a comparison to SFY 2013 First Quarter).

Reports were distributed to all meeting attendees.

Comments/Questions

Discussion on the 2011 merger of DEA into DHS. Further discussion on DEA case management. Per Director Taylor, case management agencies have been required to demonstrate a partnership with a health care entity and also must be an operating partner with the ADRC.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 26, 2013 @ 9:00 AM.

Next meeting location: Hazard Building / Garden Level Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ladd
DEA / H&CC Coordinator
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