

**Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs
Home & Community Care Advisory Committee
MINUTES
September 22, 2015**

Attendance:

Nicholas Oliver; RIPHC / Committee Chair, Melody Rodrigues; DEA, Diane Gallagher; Alliance BLTC, Charles Dress; AARP, Catherine Graziano; AARP / SHL, Dottie Santagata; Cornerstone/SEC, John O’Hara; AARP/Veterans, Paula Parker; DEA, Jim Nyberg; Leading Age RI, Odette Bourgoin ;RIALA Intern; Katie Enright; Dept. of Attorney General, Andrew Powers; RIDOH, Mike Walker; Leading Age RI, Kathleen Kelly; RIALA, Matthew Harvey; EOHHS, Marylou Rhodes; South County Home Health

1. The meeting began at 9:06 AM; introductions followed.
2. The Minutes from the last meeting held on June 23, 2015 were approved; motion made by Charlie Dress and seconded by John O’Hara to approve minutes. Passed.
3. **Reinventing Medicaid Initiative’s for Home and Community Care-
Matthew Harvey/ EOHHS, Associate Director of Operations**
 - The Reinventing Medicaid Act of 2015 aims to transform the current Medicaid system in Rhode Island
 - In July 2015 a final report was issued regarding the Reinventing Medicaid Act of 2015. The key factors of this report identified four main areas; Paying for value, Coordinating health care, Rebalancing the delivery system away from high cost settings, and Promoting efficiency, transparency, and flexibility.
 - From the four key factors ten goals have been identified for Rhode Island’s Medicaid program:

Goal 1: Substantially transition away from fee-for-service models to a system where members get their care through provider organizations that are accountable for the quality, health outcomes and total cost of care for their members.

Goal 2: Define Medicaid-wide population health targets, and, where possible, tie them to payments.

Goal 3: Maintain and expand on our record of excellence—including our #1 ranking—on delivering care to children.

Goal 4: Maximize enrollment in integrated care delivery systems.

Goal 5: Implement coordinated, accountable care for high-cost/high-need populations

Goal 6: Ensure access to high-quality primary care.

Goal 7: Leverage health information systems to ensure quality, coordinated care.

Goal 8: Shift Medicaid expenditures from high-cost institutional settings to community-based settings.

Goal 9: Encourage the development of accountable entities for integrated long-term care

Goal 10: Improve operational efficiency

- The individual initiatives in the Act set Rhode Island on a path toward better care, cost control, and more predictability.
- The potential savings achieved in this Act will help eliminate the FY 2016 structural deficit and lay a strong foundation for long-term, sustainable Medicaid reforms that shift the system from volume-based structures to one that pays for outcomes.
- One goal included in the initiatives is to improve access to Home and Community Based Services.
- The DEA HCC Advisory board members will be added to the email list for information distribution regarding any updates to this Act.

4. Update on Development State Plan on Aging

Paula Parker / Division of Elderly Affairs; Assistant Director

- The State Plan was submitted on June 30, 2015. DEA is awaiting final approval and anticipates approval by the end of September. The approved State Plan will be posted on the DEA website and shared with this committee.

5. Rebalancing LTC system-

Paula Parker/ Division of Elderly Affairs; Assistant Director

- DEA has been tasked with rebalancing the current Long Term Care system.
- DEA will be looking to this committee to support the mission and assist with input and recommendations.

6. Agenda Setting Discussion for Next Meeting

- Paula Parker will have more detailed information and goals set forth for rebalancing LTC and will provide an outline for this committee.

7. Public Comments and Announcements

- At the May 2015 OHHS Task Force Meeting it was announced that State Directors will be reviewing the number of Advisory Committees and Councils connected to their respective departments in efforts to consolidate committees/councils that serve similar purposes. A discussion occurred regarding the possibility of consolidating committees. This is something that will be researched and brought to the committee if necessary.

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melody Rodrigues
DEA H&CC Coordinator
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