
Long-Term Care Planning Committee

December 6, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Barbara Parks Wolf for David Guttchen, Office of Policy and Management (OPM); Jennifer Glick, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS); Beth Leslie, Office of Protection and Advocacy (OP&A); Fran Messina, Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD); Donna Ortelte, Department of Public Health (DPH).

Others Present: Dawn Lambert, MFP Project Director, Department of Social Services and Julie Robison Ph.D., UConn Center on Aging

Review and Approval of Minutes

Barbara Parks Wolf called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Ms. Wolf announced that David Guttchen sends his regrets that he was unable to attend the meeting and that she was chairing the meeting in his absence.

Ms. Wolf requested a motion to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2011 Planning Committee meeting. A motion was presented, seconded and passed unanimously by the Committee members.

Updates

2013 Long-Term Care Plan – Ms. Wolf reminded the group that the next three-year plan was due in January 2013 and that she and Mr. Guttchen will be working with committee members and Advisory Council members over the next several months to discuss the process and contents of the new plan. Since the last Long-Term Care Plan, related plans have been produced that may be of interest to the Committee as they develop recommendations. These plans include the Rightsizing Plan, Aging and Disability Resource Centers Five Year Plan, and the Money Follows the Person Workforce Development Plan. Committee members were requested to share information regarding other relevant state plans.

Long-Term Care Advisory Council Comments

Deborah Mignault of the Commission on Aging, sitting in for Julie Evans Starr, co-chair of the Long Term Care Advisory Council and Executive Director of the Commission on Aging, provided an update on Advisory Council activities. The Advisory Council is looking forward to working with the Planning Committee on the next long-term care plan. The Advisory Council is preparing for the 2012 legislative session, including continuing their advocacy regarding

streamlining Medicaid waivers. The Council will also be addressing issues regarding delays in the Medicaid eligibility determination process. Ms. Mignault also mentioned the Workforce Development Plan developed by a Money Follows the Person working group and offered to provide information on this plan to the Planning Committee.

Presentations

Dawn Lambert, Money Follows the Person (MFP) Director, provided a presentation on the status of the MFP Rebalancing Initiative and the Rightsizing Strategic Plan. The Rightsizing Plan will address rebalancing of the long-term care over the next 15 years from the perspective of Medicaid, the largest payer. On November 30th a group of stakeholders were gathered to develop recommendations to the Rightsizing Plan and the areas of housing, transportation, home and community based services, hospital discharge, nursing home diversification and modernization, and workforce development. A draft of the Plan will be released for review and comment on November 16, 2011. Initial results of future projections include:

- The total pool of LTC users is expected to grow by 25,000 people over the next 15 years.
- The HCBS/NF mix is expected to move from ~53/47 to ~83/17 over the next 15 years.
- The demand for NF needs is expected to decrease by 7K to 9K beds by 2025.
- Currently, the key initiative driving these results is the MFP grant.

Julie Robison, Ph.D., UConn Center on Aging, presented information on the MFP quality of life survey, describing the information reported quarterly on the quality of life dashboard. MFP participants are interviewed before their transition to the community and at 6, 12 and 24 months regarding such factors as satisfaction with living arrangements, respect and dignity, community integration, unmet care needs, choice and control, assistive technology and activities of daily living function. Dashboard results can be found at: http://www.uconn-aging.uhc.edu/money_follows_the_person_demonstration_evaluation_reports.html

Following the presentations, Ms. Lambert invited the group to provide feedback on the meeting on November 30th.

Other Business

Laurie Julian of the Alzheimer's Association updated the group on the recommendations made at the National Guardianship Summit held in Utah this past October.

Meeting Schedule for 2012

Ms. Wolf reviewed the meeting schedule for 2012.

Tues., March 13th -- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM -- Room 1A - LOB

Tues., June 12th -- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM -- State Capitol Room 310

Tues., September 11th -- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM -- Room 1A - LOB

Tues., December 11th -- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM -- Room 1A - LOB

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 pm.