
Long-Term Care Planning Committee

December 11, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: David Guttchen, Office of Policy and Management (OPM); Kathy Bruni, Department of Social Services (DSS); Margy Gerundo-Murkette, DSS; Jennifer Glick, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS); Beth Leslie, Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (OPA); Fran Messina, Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD); Siobhan Morgan, Department of Developmental Services (DDS); Donna Ortelle, Department of Public Health (DPH); Amy Porter, Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)

Others Present: Barbara Parks Wolf, OPM

Review and Approval of Minutes

David Guttchen called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

D. Guttchen requested a motion to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2012 Planning Committee meeting. A motion was presented, seconded and passed unanimously by the Committee members.

Updates and Announcements

D. Guttchen provided several announcements:

- In December 2012, DSS received an award under the federal Balancing Incentive Program (BIP). From 2013 through 2015, Connecticut will receive over \$72 million in enhanced federal matching payments that will increase the proportion of Medicaid long-term services and supports (LTSS) dollars going toward home and community-based services. Under this agreement, Connecticut will develop and strengthen a no wrong door/ single entry point system, conflict free case management services, and a core standardized assessment instrument.
- There is interest in revising the Long-Term Care Planning Committee and Advisory Committee Statutes to reflect the following changes.
 - Make changes to the membership of the Planning Committee by adding the new Department on Aging and the new Department on Housing, both of which will be established in 2013; adding the Department of Rehabilitation Services, which was established as a stand-alone agency last year; and remove the Department of

Economic and Community Development, since they will no longer administer housing programs.

- As recommended in the 2013 LTSS Plan, change the names of the Long-Term Care Planning Committee and Advisory Council to the Long-Term Services and Supports Planning Committee and Advisory Council.

2013 Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Plan

D. Guttchen reviewed the public input process, explaining that the draft Plan before the Planning Committee reflects the public input that had been provided in July and August 2012 and again in October and November 2012, as well as comments from the Advisory Council and Planning Committee members. All changes resulting from the second round of public input are tracked in the current draft. A thank you was extended to Julie Evans Starr and Deb Migneault for coordinating input from the Advisory Council as well as to everyone who provided comments on the Plan.

Barbara Parks Wolf reviewed the changes to the draft Plan due to public comment, particularly with respect to the recommendations. Only one modification was requested from the Advisory Council regarding a rewording of the recommendation regarding the long-term care ombudsman.

D. Guttchen requested a motion on whether to approve the Plan and give the chair latitude to make any non-substantive changes as may be brought to his attention by Planning Committee members in the next week. A motion was presented, seconded and passed unanimously by the Committee members.

Next steps were presented by D. Guttchen. As previously agreed upon, the Planning Committee, in consultation with the Advisory Council, will identify several strategic priorities from the 2013 LTSS Plan short term recommendations to focus on for the coming year. Suggestions for which issues to address will be gathered over the next few months. Criteria for choosing priorities for the year include: 1) timeliness; 2) readiness for implementation or for change; 3) availability of funding; 4) need for coordination with other entities and programs. For each issue, a lead will be identified. When needed, other critical players will be invited to be part of the discussion. The purpose is to provide a forum to discuss priority recommendations and work together on addressing gaps and making progress

Long-Term Care Advisory Council Comments

Julie Evans Starr, co-chair of the Long-Term Care Advisory Council and Executive Director of the Commission on Aging, remarked that it was a pleasure working with the Planning Committee on the development of the LTSS Plan. A brief update was provided regarding the work of the Aging in Place Task Force whose report is due to the General Assembly on January 1, 2013.

Other Business

D. Guttchen reviewed the meeting schedule for 2013, noting that there would be no March meeting due to the legislative session. Planning Committee members were invited to suggest any topics for future presentations.

Meeting Schedule for 2013

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

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.