

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
Medicaid Advisory Committee  
Long Term Care Subcommittee  
June 11, 2010**

401 S. Clinton St., Chicago, Illinois  
201 S. Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois

**FINAL MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Mike O'Donnell, East Central Illinois Agency  
on Aging, Inc., Chair  
Tony Paulauski, The Arc of Illinois [phone]  
Eli Pick, Ballard Health Care, MAC Chair  
Susan Hughes, University of Illinois at Chicago  
Matt Hartman [for Pat Comstock, Health Care  
Council of Illinois]

**Members Absent**

Robert Anselmo, Target Pharmacist  
Pat Comstock, Illinois Health Care Association,  
Illinois Council on Long Term Care  
Jan Costello, Illinois Hospice and Homecare  
Council  
Wayne Smallwood, Affordable Assisted Living  
Coalition

**Public**

Marie Rucker, Director, Center for Disabilities  
and Advocacy, IHCA [phone]

**Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)**

Barb Ginder  
Amy Wallace  
Kelly Cunningham  
Monica Hay

**Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA)**

Jan Cichowlas [for Sandy Alexander]

**University of Illinois at Chicago, Division of  
Specialized Care for Children**

Gerry Clark, RN, MSN, Associate Director for  
Program Services

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 10:10a.m.

**II. Introductions**

Attendees in Chicago and Springfield introduced themselves.

**III. Medical Administrator's Report**

No report.

**IV. State Agency Reports**

**Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA)**

The Department and the Older Adult Services Advisory Committee (OASAC) Executive Committee, with Bob Mollica as facilitator, developed a plan reforming the way services are delivered to seniors. The plan is currently under review by the full OASAC. IDoA is awaiting the final FY11 budget for information on home delivery of meals, congregate meals and transportation for 350 individuals.

**University of Illinois at Chicago—Division of Specialized Care for Children (UIC-DSCC)**

**Waiver**

The Division is working on a new service plan, which will require a rule change that has yet to be initiated. The current waiver serves individuals only to age 21. There are 13 regional offices around the state to monitor services and service needs, as well as advocate for school services. At present,

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nearly 600 individuals are served under the waiver, with a cap of 700. Gerri Clark will now be the state agency representative for UIC-DSCC.

**Healthcare and Family Services**

There are 119 operational Supportive Living Facilities (SLFs) containing nearly 9,500 units, with an additional 45 applications approved and proceeding toward certification. HFS issued a solicitation at the end of March (open through 7/31/10) seeking applicants for a dementia care pilot program to serve SLF residents. This could be a program within an existing SLF facilities or nursing facility. The rules governing the program were adopted in August, 2009. The solicitation also sought new SLF development for individuals age 22-64 with physical disabilities.

**V. New Business**

**Impact of the Federal Health Care Changes on Long Term Care**

Money Follows the Person (MFP) has been extended to 2016 and includes a revision of the Nursing Facility (NF) stay qualification time period from 6 months to 90 days. There are other new options for Medicaid waiver programs, including expanded and enhanced Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) and an increase in qualifying income levels. The new federal law also includes incentives for states to increase preventative services, with a five year grant beginning 1/1/11. The rules have been drafted, are circulating internally and will be filed soon.

**Motion**

Mike O'Donnell proposed a motion to broaden the range of topics discussed and addressed through the LTC Subcommittee, for example, long term care hospitals. Eli Pick so moved, Sue Hughes seconded and the motion was carried. Members were asked to send areas of interest to Kelly Cunningham, which will be reviewed on a priority basis with one selected per meeting.

**Federal and State Budget Implications for Long Term Care (ARRA)**

HFS prepared its FY11 budget on the basis of an enhanced FMAP match of 65% instead of the usual 50%. If Congress does not continue authorization of the enhanced match, HFS stands to lose \$700 million already assumed in the FY11 budget. Mike O'Donnell wrote a letter to Senators Durbin and Burris urging its continuation. Representative of the nursing facility profession also shared that they had been in contact with Congress on this matter.

**Nursing Home Safety Task Force (NHSTF)**

SB326 has passed and been sent to the Governor for his signature. A key piece of the legislation charges HFS with convening a work group consisting of nursing home providers, labor, nursing facility resident advocates and other state agencies to report to the General Assembly by 11/1/10 on issues related to nursing facility staff standards necessary to the provision of care and services and the preservation of resident safety, a comprehensive rate review considering the adoption of an evidence-based nursing facility rate methodology, and a provider assessment. HFS is also working with DPH on standards for Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and the certification process for nursing facilities seeking to provide services to persons with SMI.

**Money Follows the Person (MFP)**

To date, 121 participants have transitioned to the community. There are various barriers related to the different populations being served, including the availability of community infrastructures needed for long term support, limited availability of affordable housing in areas like Chicago, and availability of

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services. Delay in payments to community-based providers is also making it difficult to pay for services needed.

A revised and updated version of the mandated nursing facility resident assessment instrument, known as the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0, goes into effect October 1, 2010. Many components of the MDS 3.0 will be based much more heavily on resident interview protocols. Additionally, a newly-revamped Section Q will be rolled out which specifically addresses a nursing facility resident's interest in learning about transitioning to the community. The Department is implementing a nursing facility rate freeze beginning April 1, 2011 until such time as adequate MDS information is collected and analyzed for rate setting.

**VI. Old Business**

**Rules to Implement the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2006**

Draft rules are being circulated internally and will be filed after internal approval has been secured.

**Integrated Care RFP**

Five proposals are currently under review.

**VII. Solicitation of Future Agenda Items**

- More comprehensive briefings on the Affordable Health Care for America Act (AHCAA) requirements
- Long term care acute hospitals

**VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m. The next LTC Subcommittee (MAC) meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2010.