

**MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC)  
LONG TERM CARE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

**Final Minutes of Friday, March 12, 2010**

**Members Present**

Mike O'Donnell, East Central Illinois  
Agency on Aging, Inc., Chair  
Tony Paulauski, The Arc of Illinois  
Eli Pick, Ballard Health Care and MAC  
Chair  
Susan Hughes, UIC

**Members Absent**

Robert Anselmo, Target Pharmacist  
Wayne Smallwood, Affordable Assisted  
Living Coalition  
Pat Comstock, Health Care Council of Illinois

**State Staff Present**

Healthcare and Family Services:

Barb Ginder  
Jim Parker  
Kelly Cunningham  
Monica Hay

Illinois Department on Aging:

Sandy Alexander

Illinois Department of Human Services:

Connie Sims, DDD (phone)

Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services

Nyle Robinson, HSP

UIC, Division of Specialized Care for Children

Gerry Clark, RN, MSN (phone)

Associate Director for Program Services

The meeting began at 10:06 am with introductions.

**Medicaid Administrator's Report: New Business (Kelly Cunningham/Jim Parker):**

- Information regarding the proposed FY 2011 budget was disseminated and discussed. Highlights include:
  - Healthcare in general was not negatively affected except for program cuts in IL Cares Rx. Most reductions were to education.
  - HFS' budget was predicated on continuation of ARRA "enhanced match" provisions and payment cycles.
  - Home and Community-Based service and transportation providers received no increases in the proposed budget
- IL Cares Rx
  - Benefit reduction could produce \$70M savings
    - \$40 by eliminating subsidies during initial coverage
    - Higher co-pays of \$10, 20, 30
  - Mike O'Donnell discussed the potential impact of this reduction on current beneficiaries.

Mike and Eli both noted attendance had declined for both groups' meetings. Mike suggested a joint meeting of the MAC and the Subcommittee once a year. All agreed it was a good idea.

## **State Agency Reports:**

Agency representatives were asked to report on how Governor Quinn's proposed budget affects their specific agencies. Highlights by agency are reflected below:

### **Aging:**

- The Community Care Program will serve only Medicaid-eligible individuals effective 7/1/10. 21,000 non-Medicaid CCP clients will be grandfathered into program. The budget is also predicated on adjustments to the service cost maximums, a moderate reduction in homemaker hours, and elimination of some demonstration programs.
- Aging's proposed budget contained some increases for the Senior HelpLine, long term care ombudsmen and Title X Older Americans' Act services.

### **DHS-DD:**

- General revenue funds were reduced \$155M, 2.5% cut across the board
- Eliminate all non-Medicaid funded grant programs next year
- 125 adults from State Operated Developmental Centers will be transferred into into community setting. The budget is not predicated on any facility closures.

### **DRS-HSP:**

- Nyle Robinson is the new Bureau Chief of the Home Service Program. He reported on proposed changes to the Home Services program, including the annualization of increases for personal assistant health insurance, annualization of caseload growth and reductions in asset levels.

### **HFS:**

- An overview of the current status of the Money Follows the Person demonstration program was provided. The speed of transitions has been complicated by home and community-based service provider payment cycles as well as gaps in affordable, accessible housing for some populations. The University of Illinois – Chicago College of Nursing continues its work to support the demonstration by focusing on quality management and training of transition coordinators.

### **HCBS Waiver Updates:**

- No significant changes to 2 children's' waiver, though temporary assistance services were added to allow if a caregiver or family had an emergency.

### **New Business:**

#### **Integrated Care for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities (Jim Parker):**

- The Integrated Care RFP was issued in February. The Department received and is responding to approximately 400 questions from interested parties. Mr. Parker recapped the proposed phasing plan, shared information from discussions with advocacy groups and discussed the Governor's Office goals for implementation of the pilot.

#### **NH Safety Task Force (Kelly Cunningham):**

- Ms. Cunningham recapped the Task Force's activities since its inception in October, 2009. The Task Force has held a series of public meetings/hearings, and heard testimony from multiple interested parties. A formal report was prepared and is posted

on Governor Quinn's website. A group of stakeholders has convened to draft legislation necessary to implement Task Force reductions.

**Solicitation of Future Agenda Items:**

- Updated on the Integrated Care Pilot
- Governor's Nursing Home Task Force-related legislative activities

Next meeting is June 11, 2010.

**Adjourned at 11:23 a.m.**