

Committee on Comprehensive System Change
Council on Long Term Care Reform
Meeting of May 6, 2005

Minutes

Members present: Gerry Born, Lynn Breedlove, Paul Cook, Carol Eschner, Tom Frazier, Jerry Huber, Rich Kammerud, George Potaracke, Tim Sheehan and Craig Thompson

Members absent: John Sauer

Others present: Chuck Wilhelm, Judith Frye, Lorraine Barniskis, Kathleen Luedtke, Theresa Sanders, Bill Jensen, Mark Stein, Dan Hayes, Nancy Anderson, Janice Smith, Gail Propsom, David Sievert, Dan Johnson, Scott Durren

Chair George Potaracke called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Information requests

Gail Propsom provided and walked through several handouts summarizing information about nursing home and other LTC service capacity by county, as well as considerable information about previous experience with nursing home relocations. She noted that only raw data is provided at this time; analysis will follow. Gail will correct several small errors and add information about Family Care counties as possible, then send updated information to Lorraine to forward to committee members. DHFS staff will draft a workplan for analysis and get committee input on it at the next meeting.

It was suggested that the committee or the full Council hear directly from a panel of county staff involved in relocations.

Counties' Roles in a LTC Managed Care System

Rich Kammerud walked through a paper on county roles developed by him and Tom Frazier, Lynn Breedlove, Craig Thompson and Jerry Huber. The paper has been approved in principle by WCHSA's ad hoc LTC Reform Committee. It will be presented next week to WCHSA's Executive Board. Rich also noted that a statewide meeting is being planned for June to bring counties up to speed regarding the CSC RFI and to discuss with them possible county responses to it.

Tom Frazier noted that this paper assumes that reform of the LTC system is proceeding, and that it will move the system toward managed care. The paper outlines a range of potential roles for counties, from full local management, through a variety of roles in partnership with others, to no role at all.

The committee discussed the concepts in the paper at length. Lorraine will work with the paper's authors to reformat and clarify. The paper will be discussed again at the next committee meeting. It was pointed out that WCHSA needs to be clear about the most important things to its members in the reform process.

Comments from the public

There were no comments from visitors.

Budget recommendation

Tom Frazier referred to an article in the Beloit Daily News about a 91 year old woman who will be required to move from an assisted living facility to a nursing home because her private funds are exhausted and there is a waiting list for COP in Rock County. Two subsequent editorials also dealt with this issue. The article and editorials may be found at:

<http://www.beloitdailynews.com/articles/2005/04/16/news/41605news01.prt>

<http://www.beloitdailynews.com/articles/2005/04/19/editorials/edit01.prt>.

<http://www.beloitdailynews.com/articles/2005/04/16/news/41605news01a.prt>

Tom noted that the nursing home relocation initiative would help this woman and others in similar situations only if they moved into a nursing home and, if the Council's earlier recommendations were adopted, stayed for at least 100 days. It was moved and seconded that:

The Committee on Comprehensive System Change recommends to the Council on Long Term Care Reform that the Council express its support for increased funding in the 2005-07 biennial budget for reduction of waiting lists for home and community based services and diversions from nursing home placement.

The motion passed unanimously, with 9 of the 11 committee members present.

Parameters for local planning grant RFI and longer-range models for LTC reform

The committee discussed a paper titled "Principles to guide long term care reform, including criteria for local planning grants under the Comprehensive System Change project." This paper was an attempt to summarize past discussions on these topics and to clarify consensus areas and issues needing further discussion. Consensus was reached on several additional items and questions clarified in other areas. Lorraine will update the paper and send it out for further discussion at the next committee meeting.

Draft Olmstead rights brochure

Paul Cook led a discussion of the draft brochure designed to inform nursing home residents of their rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act. A number of editorial suggestions were made. Paul will incorporate these changes into a revised version of the brochure, which will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Updates from DHFS

Judith Frye distributed copies of a letter from Secretary Nelson to Representative Curt Gielow responding to questions from the Assembly Committee on Medicaid Reform. The first section deals with questions about expansion of Family Care and Partnership programs.

The Governor has announced that start-up costs for nine new Aging and Disability Resource Centers serving thirteen counties will be funded. The counties to be served include: Brown, Barron, Green, Wood, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Calumet, Waupaca, Sheboygan, Waushara, Green Lake, Forest and Marquette. For more information about funding levels and start dates, see the press release at http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/journal_media_detail_print.asp?prid=1079. The Governor has also stated his support of the goal of expanding statewide as soon as possible, and his commitment to seeking full funding for ongoing implementation for the nine new centers in the 2007-09 budget.

Representatives from eight states have been visiting Wisconsin to learn about our Aging and Disability Resource Centers, which are the model for other states receiving federal funds to establish them.

Kathleen Luedtke updated the committee on current activities and the budget for the Comprehensive System Change project. She said that the process of recruiting for the project positions is underway. The total budget for the first project year, which ends 9/30/05, is \$1,647,258. Funding categories and approximate dollar amounts include:

Travel, training, printing, equipment and supplies This could include costs of printing and distributing the consumer rights brochure.	\$100,000 over the course of three years.
IT	\$1,760,000 over 3 years, with somewhat more in the 2 nd year due to a critical phase of the project occurring at that time.
Staff (mostly contracted)	\$648,000 over 3 years*
Local support Includes planning grants and media campaign	\$496,000 each year
Alzheimer's Disease early intervention project	\$215,000 each year
Project evaluation (formative; likely done by APS Healthcare)	\$116,000 each year
Internal Charges (accounting, computer connections, office rent)	\$90,000 over 3 years.
Support for LTC Reform Council and its committees	\$15,000 each year

*Reflects a reduction from original budget due to delay in hiring contracted analysts and not contracting for project manager position. Savings may be used for other project activities.

Chuck Wilhelm reported that issues are still ongoing related to the ICF-MR Restructuring Initiative. Mostly these relate to funding levels and the shield law. An update on this topic will be included in the agenda for the next committee meeting.

Committee business

- The minutes of the meeting of April, 2005 were approved by consensus.
- Because the scheduled date for the July committee meeting falls on the Friday before the July 4th weekend, it is tentatively re-scheduled for the afternoon of July 7th. The full Council meets on July 8th. Lorraine will poll members to make sure that this will work for most people.
- Suggestions for future agenda items included:
 - Continued discussion of long-range reform models and criteria for local planning grants under the CSC project.
 - Continued discussion of county roles in a reformed system (revised version of paper by Kammerud and others)
 - Continued discussion of priorities for information requests and information provided in response – including workplan for analysis of information related to nursing home capacity and relocation experience
 - Review revised draft of consumer brochure on ADA rights

- Discussion of Medicare Modernization Act and its effect on LTC (Paul Cook to assist with this item)
- Update on ICF-MR Restructuring Initiative
- Updates on the CSC project.
- County panel on nursing home relocation experience (or include on agenda of full Council instead)
- Consider asking EverCare to present their model.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 PM.