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**Wisconsin Council on Long Term Care Reform  
State and Local Stakeholder Advisory Committee  
Meeting of December 12, 2005  
Minutes  
DRAFT**

**Members Present:** Karen Avery, Mary Brintnall-Peterson, Sunny Archambault, Ed Weiss, Jeff Fox, Midge Pinchar, Joan Ketterman, Ben Barrett,

**Members Absent:** Ella Pious, Mike Bachhuber, Carol Eschner, Todd Moely, Dan Remick

**Others Present:** Sharon Ryan, Lorraine Barniskis, Kathleen Luedtke, Brenda Usher, Anne Weiss, Karen Fromm, Bill Jensen, Pat Malone, Peter Lucas, Reggie Leckel, Steve Landkamer, Joyce Binder, Karen McKim

**Meeting called to order.** Karen Avery, Chair of the committee called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**Approval of October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes:** Jeff Fox motioned and Ben Barrett seconded the approval of the October 10 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Comprehensive Systems Change Grant (CSC)** Kathleen Luedtke gave an update on the status of the CSC grant.

- **Alzheimer's Project:** Kathleen explained that DHFS has a contract with the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute (WAI) to work with counties to provide an early detection screening for Alzheimer's and other related dementias. The participating counties are Richland, La Crosse, and a consortium of Eau Claire, Chippewa, Dunn and Barron. WAI's role is to provide training to the county staff on a 60 second animal naming/word fluency test. They will also teach provision of a 20 minute follow-up Cognistat test for those consumers who do not do well with the animal naming test. The purpose of this project is to assist consumers with early diagnosis, thus enabling them to have the opportunity to take the prescription medications that although will not prevent the dementia from progressing, will assist in the delaying/slowing down of the disease. The belief is that early detection and diagnosis can help prevent costly institutionalization and decrease

the need for publicly funded care. WAI has thus far completed the training in Richland County. They are scheduled to provide training to the consortium counties December 13<sup>th</sup> and to La Crosse County December 14<sup>th</sup>.

- Develop and implement strategies to reposition Wisconsin's nursing home industry: Kathleen said that Susan Schroeder, a former DHFS employee who was the director of BQA, has taken the position as lead on this portion of the CSC initiative.
- RFI/RFP update: The RFI/RFP was released by DHFS on October 14<sup>th</sup>. This request asks entities (counties, organizations, private and non-profit agencies, groups of people) interested in working with the State in the planning for state-wide expansion of managed LTC, to submit proposals, by December 31<sup>st</sup>, to either provide information and ideas for expansion or to receive funds for an 18 month aggressive expansion planning project. She said that there is \$ 1.4 million earmarked to give out in the form of planning grants. These funds are specifically for planning, not for operations. This expansion will be specifically for elderly, people with developmental disabilities and people with physical disabilities. This reform effort will not include either children or mental health. DHFS is looking for coordination or integration with health care. The models being considered are the Family Care model, the Partnership model and the iCare model. This reform is to assist in saving public funds and to improve the well being of LTC consumers. The planning grant will be awarded in early February. In less than 18 months, DHFS needs to put together a proposal for the next biennial budget. The ultimate goal is to expand managed long-term care across the state by 2009. This planning process will lend to developing a sound budget. Kathleen explained that the role of Stakeholder Committee is to be the watchdog of the process. The committee will not have the say on which proposals will be funded but can watch to make sure that the expansion planning really looks at serving people better. There is a need to reorganize the financing and to create communities to support citizens as they age and deal with disabilities, whether private pay or publicly funded. Further information on the RFI/RFP can be found at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/lc/lc/rfi>

### **Quality Close to Home (QCH) Project Update**

Karen McKim provided a status update of this project. She provided the members with a handout "Outcomes for use in Long-term care planning and quality assessments". Outcomes are the desired results of long-term care. People seek or accept long-term care supports and services, in the expectation that those services help them achieve certain quality –of –life circumstances or situations that they would not otherwise be able to achieve. These individually

desired quality-of-life circumstances can be called outcomes. She spoke of the current LTC program outcome measurement tools that have been developed and used over the years and explained that none of these tools is as useful as we need. She said that although details differ, when these tools are cross walked to each other, twelve outcomes areas emerge.

1. This person experiences physical health to the greatest extent possible.
2. This person experiences feeling of safety.
3. This person experiences freedom from abuse and neglect.
4. This person lives where and with whom he/she prefers to live.
5. This person chooses and controls his/her daily routine.
6. This person engages in personally meaningful activities.
7. This person experiences his/her desired amount and type of community participation.
8. This person has control over services and care givers, to the extent desired.
9. This person experiences his/her desired amount and type of connection with friends and family.
10. This person experiences perceptions/feelings of respect and fair treatment.
11. This person has the amount and type of privacy he/she desires.
12. This person experiences freedom from unexpected and unwanted changes.

Karen explained that the QCTH Workgroup 1-Consumer experience results- has decided to work with these 12 outcomes to develop an outcomes-assessment tool that will be useful for both care managers and quality managers, with various versions for:

- Adults with physical disabilities
- Adults with developmental disabilities
- Frail elders

After some discussion, it was decided that there should be another version for Caregivers.

'Developing a tool' involves:

- Creating a set of 'discussion questions' for each outcome, for each target group;
- Creating a set of 'decision questions' for each outcome, for each target group;
- Deciding whether and if so, how to assess supports for each outcome;
- Testing the tool among care managers;
- Determining
  - how the tool will be used, by whom, when;
  - how they will record and report the results; and
  - how their ability to conduct the interview will be assured
- how the results will be used in quality-management efforts

Karen said that there is a need for feedback from consumers in developing questions related to the 12 outcomes and thought that this committee could assist with this by taking this information back to their respective communities to discuss the 12 outcomes and consider the questions that could be created for that target group.

Karen told the committee members that she would be interested in hearing from them about this project. She can be reached at either: [mckimk@dhfs.state.wi.us](mailto:mckimk@dhfs.state.wi.us) or at (608) 266-9304.

### **Presentations of current Managed Care models operating in Wisconsin**

Steve Landkamer, from DHFS, gave a power point presentation on the Family Care model and the Wisconsin Partnership Program. (See that presentation as an attachment.)

Joyce Binder and Bill Jensen, from iCare in Milwaukee provided the committee with a power point presentation of iCare the SSI managed care model. (See that presentation as an attachment.)

**UW-Extension Project** Mary Brintnall-Peterson introduced Pat Malone, a CNRED Agent with the UW Extension in Trempealeau County, who will be working on this project. They gave a brief overview of this project which is being funded through the CMS Comprehensive Systems Change grant. The focus of this project is to provide training and technical assistance to local long-term support governing bodies and to assist those governing bodies to design and develop more effective local long-term care systems. They are planning on replicating the work that Pat has done with the Trempealeau County LTC Council. The UW-Extension will develop training tools and templates for thinking about local system design, including how to explore local or regional partnerships. They will work with local Extension agents, such as Pat, to build capacity in local governing bodies to engage in strategic planning. Pat will be regularly attending this committee meeting. She expressed interest in joining the committee. The membership wholly supported this. Mary and Pat will regularly update the committee on the status of this project.

### **Current Committee Membership**

The group discussed the current membership and the possibility of adding additional members. It was pointed out that at this time there is no minority representation and that is now a priority. Karen said that she will recruit from the Milwaukee area. Ed Weiss suggested that the 2 women who traveled with him for this meeting, Brenda Usher and Karen Fromm, both of whom are caregivers, be given consideration as committee members. Reggie Leckel, a parent and

caregiver of an adult child with disabilities expressed interest in being on the committee. The committee supported the addition of these new members.

**Next meeting agenda**

- Update on the Department's RFI/RFP process.
- QCTH update and further discussion on securing consumer involvement and input.
- Update on the status of the UW Extension strategic planning/LTC Council project.
- Community Relocation Initiative
- Aging and Disability Resource Center Expansion Initiative

**Next Meeting date: February 27th, 2006 at CWAG**

**Meeting adjourned:** Karen Avery adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.