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**Wisconsin Council on Long Term Care Reform
State and Local Stakeholder Advisory Committee
Meeting of February 27, 2006**

**Minutes
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Members Present: Pat Malone, Karen Avery, Mary Brintnall-Peterson, Ed Weiss, Jeff Fox, Midge Pinchar, Ben Barrett, Steve Johnson, John Donnelly, Carol Eschner, Karen From, Ron Johnson, Reggie Leckel

Members Absent: Ella Pious, Todd Moely, Dan Remick, Sunny Archambault, Joan Ketterman, Ann Weiss

Others Present: Sharon Ryan, Lorraine Barniskis, Kathleen Luedtke, Janice Smith, Becky Severson, Amy Atchison, Karen McKim, Donna McDowell, Ann Marie Ott

Meeting called to order. Karen Avery, Chair of the committee called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Comprehensive Systems Change Grant (CSC) Kathleen Luedtke gave a brief background on the LTC Redesign and the CSC grant . Links to many old documents about the history of LTC Redesign are on the Family Care website at: <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/LTCare/history/Index.htm>

- RFI/RFP update: The RFI/RFP was released by DHFS on October 14th. This request asked 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 31st, to either provide information and ideas for expansion or to receive funds for an 18 month aggressive expansion planning project. Kathleen said that there was \$ 1.4 million earmarked to give out in the form of planning grants. These funds are specifically for planning, not for operations. The 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. There were 51 responses to the RFI/RFP. The Evaluation Team reviewing the proposals consisted of 4 DHFS staff, 1 Department of

Administration (DOA) staff, and 1 out of state staff person. Kathleen handed out a map showing the various regions that have been awarded planning grants. Members of the committee wondered if consumer involvement was required in this planning process. Kathleen assured them that consumer participation in the process was required in the proposals and that there were certain points given for including that participation. She strongly encouraged members of the committee who would be interested in participating in their regional planning process to contact the principal coordinator of that particular consortium. Complete information on the RFI/RFP can be found at: <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/lcicare/rfi>

Community Relocation Initiative (CRI)

Janice Smith gave a brief background on this initiative of Governor Doyle's. As part of his 2005-2007 Biennial Budget, Governor Doyle included a proposal that would give elderly and people with physical disabilities the opportunity to relocate from nursing homes. Now, people being cared for in nursing homes will have a choice—to remain in that setting or move if their care needs can be met at home, in an apartment or in an assisted living setting. If Medical Assistance is currently paying for the person's stay, Medical Assistance may be available to provide needed help at home through Wisconsin's Community options Program waiver, called the Community Integration Program II (CIP II). See attachments for further information.

Quality Close to Home (QCTH) Project Update

Karen McKim provided a status update of this project. She provided follow-up with the committee on "Outcomes for use in Long-term care planning and quality assessments".

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.

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 focused her discussion on the specific outcome, “my life is stable”. She posed the question to the committee: should we define this particular outcome to address actual stability and freedom from unwanted or unexpected change, or should we define it as having more to do with being prepared for inevitable changes? The weight of their interest came down on the ‘my life is stable’ outcome as opposed to the ‘I’m prepared for the foreseeable changes’ outcome. From the discussion, it seemed that actual stability in one’s life (knowing that you were likely to be able to continue living where you lived now, seeing the same doctor, dealing with familiar people in familiar situations) is much more central to one’s personal quality of life than things like having advanced directives or POA in place or renter’s insurance. The group agreed that those things are important and should not be ignored by care managers but that actual stability as a whole is more valuable than preparations for changes.

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 or at (608) 266-9304.

UW-Extension Project The focus of this project, which is being funded through the CMS Comprehensive Systems Change grant, 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. The plan is to replicate the work that Pat Malone, a CNRED Agent with the UW Extension in Trempealeau County, 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.

Mary Brintnall-Peterson , Pat Malone, and Becky Severson, Coordinator for the Trempealeau County Aging and Disability Resource Center gave a presentation on the Trempealeau County Long-Term Care Council project that they worked on with the UW-Extension entitled “Building the Capacity of a Local Long-Term Care Council”.

The purpose of the project was to:

- Develop the Council’s leadership skills
- Increase the organizational capacity of the Council
- Assist the Council implement a strategic planning process

- Assist the Council to increase its capacity to implement those strategies

See attachment for further information on the presentation.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Expansion Initiative

Donna McDowell and Ann Marie Ott gave an overview on Aging and Disability Resource Centers, the services that they provide, where they are currently located and the ADRC Expansion initiative. ADRCs are single entry points for elderly and people with disabilities who have long term care questions and needs. The full range of services provided by an ADRC are:

- Information and Assistance
- LTC Options Counseling
- Elderly and Disability Benefits Counseling
- Assistance with access to Medicaid, SSI, SSI-E and Food Stamps
- Transitional Services
- Prevention and Early Intervention Services
- Outreach and Public Information

Please see the attached report from the ADRC Expansion Committee as well as the attached map of those counties currently operating ADRCs.

The committee expressed interest in having regular updates on the ADRC Expansion Initiative.

Next meeting agenda

- Update on the Department's RFI/RFP planning grant process.
- Quality Close to Home update and further discussion on securing consumer involvement and input.
- Update on the status of the UW Extension strategic planning/LTC Council project.
- Presentation on the Resource Allocation Decision method (RAD)

Next Meeting date: April 10th, 2006 at CWAG

Meeting adjourned: Karen Avery adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.