

**Wisconsin Council on Long Term Care Reform
State and Local Stakeholder Advisory Committee
Meeting of August 8, 2005**

Minutes

Members Present: Karen Avery, Jeff Fox, Carol Eschner, Sunny Archambault, Steve Johnson, Mike Bachhuber

Members Absent: Mary Brintnall Peterson, Joan Ketterman, Todd Moely

Others Present: Sharon Ryan, Lorraine Barniskis, Kathleen Luedtke, Ben Barrett, Amy Atchison

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

Overview of Committee Lorraine Barniskis provided the committee with a general overview of the history of Long Term Care (LTC) Redesign. 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>

Carol Eschner reviewed the purpose and charge of the committee. The charge is: Assist the Council and the Department in gaining additional input concerning state and local long-term care policies, practices, and reform proposals. Foster participation by consumers and other stakeholders in the planning and implementation process of reform. Assist the Council and the Department in training and technical assistance to enable local long-term care citizen oversight bodies to assume more responsibility and effectiveness in guiding the planning and implementation of effective local systems.

Carol then provided the committee with background on the Council and the role and function of the various committees of the Council.

Information about the Council and its committees can be found at: <http://wcltc.state.wi.us>

There was discussion about the relationship of the Stakeholder Committee and the Council and how the Committee communicates with the Council. The Council will receive all Committee meeting minutes but there will be times when representatives from the Committee will be asked to report directly to either the full Council or to the Comprehensive Systems Change Committee.

DHFS Federal Initiatives requiring Stakeholder Committee input

- **Comprehensive Systems Change Grant (CSC)** Kathleen Luedtke gave an overview of the CSC grant. This grant, at a high level, is looking at making changes in how the State does business in some key areas of LTC.

The goals are to:

1. Comprehensively/systematically work toward creating a LTC system that is Statewide in a managed care/integrated system.
2. Help citizens get what they need
3. Facilitate easier access to the LTC system.

Focus areas of the CSC Grant:

1. Go out across the state and solicit interest from various entities (counties and private organizations in expanding managed, integrated LTC throughout the State. There will be a Request for Information (RFI) released by the Department to engage these entities in a planning effort. Although the details are not yet worked out, there are 2 managed care models of LTC service delivery that are being considered. One is the Wisconsin Partnership Program, a fully integrated acute/primary care and long term care program. The other is the Family Care model which is a managed care program providing LTC services with coordination of acute and primary care.
 2. Provide training and technical assistance to local long-term support governing bodies by working with local University of Wisconsin Extension agents to build capacity in local governing bodies to engage in strategic planning.
 3. Create a web-based “Virtual Resource Center” that would provide consumers with links to information and assistance and other service systems.
 4. Promote successful prevention and early intervention activities by working with the Wisconsin Alzheimer’s Institute to pilot an early detection dementia screening process.
- **Quality Close to Home Grant (QCTH)** Karen McKim gave an overview of the QCTH project. This project will review and recommend sustainable improvements in the quality management systems that support Wisconsin’s home-and community-based services waiver programs. The role of County and Consumer advisors for this project are to understand the objectives of the project, to help establish key indicators, to suggest resources, (e.g. contacts, best practices, ideas, etc), to constructively critique developing ideas and to get the word out about the project so that others can contribute. Consumer input is needed on determining/selecting the indicators as well as design of and implementation of a Quality Management System. The next step, which will be at the next meeting, will be to brainstorm on how to get a broader group sample of consumers.

Regional Meetings

There will be a series of regional meetings that will be scheduled to meet with Stakeholders in order to secure meaningful input into the Department’s long range vision of LTC Reform. These meetings will correlate with the Department’s RFI process. The dates for these meetings are to be determined.

Recruitment of Stakeholders and Consumers

The group discussed a variety of suggestions to make sure that all of the target populations are represented on this committee. Current gaps in membership are people

with developmental disabilities, parents of children with developmental disabilities, deaf and hard of hearing, and older adults. It was suggested that Gerry Born, who is the Chair of the DD Council, could suggest names of people who would be interested in serving on this committee. It was also suggested that Sharon Ryan contact Ella Pious, who is from Walworth County and who is an elder who serves on the S.E. Area Agency on Aging board of directors.

Frequency of Meetings

The group decided that there was enough work to initially meet every other month. The next meeting is scheduled for **October 10th** at CWAG.

Next meeting agenda

- Process for input into the Department's RFI process
- QCTH update and further discussion on securing consumer involvement and input.
- Invite Trempealeau County LTC Council Chair, along with Pat Malone, their UW Extension agent who has done strategic planning with the local LTC Council, and Becky Severson, Manager of the Trempealeau County Aging and Disability Resource Center, to talk to the committee about the partnership that they developed with their Extension agent, the strategic planning process that they embarked on with the UW Extension as well as the benefits that they have realized with this planning process.

Meeting adjourned: Karen Avery adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.