

**Unified Long-Term Care System (ULTCS) Workgroup
Minutes
March 17, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT

*(*In addition to those who attended in person, a number of members listened in via conference call.)*

Bonnie Kantor-Burman, Ohio Department of Aging, Chair
Susan Ackerman, Center for Community Solutions
John Alfano, LeadingAge Ohio
Kathleen Anderson, Ohio Council for Home Care and Hospice
Bob Applebaum, Scripps Gerontology Center
Salli Bollin, Alzheimer's Association
Richard Browdie, Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging
Mary Butler, Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council
Mark Davis, Ohio Provider Resource Association
Charles Demidovich, Ohio County Commissioners Association
Diane Dietz (for Pete VanRunkle), Ohio Health Care Association
Katie Dodson (for Judy Chavis) American Association of Service Coordinators
Roland Hornbostel, Ohio Department of Aging
Brett Kirkpatrick (for Steve Mombach) PACE-TriHealth Senior Link
Jeff Lycan, Midwest Care Alliance
Rebecca Maust, Ohio Department of Health
John McCarthy, ODJFS Office of Health Plans
Greg Moody, Governor's Office of Health Transformation
Christopher Murray, Ohio Academy of Nursing Homes
Steve Peishel, Office of Budget and Management
Joe Ruby, Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging
Jason Smith (for Janet Grant), Ohio Association of Health Plans
Patrick Stephan, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
Bill Sundermeyer, AARP Ohio
Jean Thompson, Ohio Assisted Living Association
Lynn Wieland (for Andrew Capehart), Ohio Coalition of Adult Protective Services
Hugh Wirtz, Ohio Council of Behavioral Health

HANDOUTS

3/17/2011 Agenda
ODA's section of the Blue Book
April 14, 2011 Legislative Advocacy Day flyer
House testimony abbreviated PowerPoint

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Director Bonnie Kantor-Burman opened the meeting, welcoming participants and guests to join the meeting, either in person or via conference call.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carmen Shelton shared information on and disseminated a flyer about the April 14th Legislative Advocacy Day, noting that 325 people from 22 counties attended last year's event. Featured speakers for the 2011 event include: Senator Peggy Lehner, Rep. Ted Celeste, DODD Director John Martin and DD Council Executive Director Carolyn Knight.

OFFICE OF HEALTH TRANSFORMATION (OHT)

Greg Moody, John Martin and Bonnie Kantor-Burman offered key highlights from the House testimony by OHT and its health and human services Cabinet Department Directors. ULTCS Stakeholder Workgroup members were invited to provide input on areas that need additional clarification and/or detail.

Director Kantor-Burman expressed OHT's commitment to avoid waiting lists and her hope to create efficiencies in order to maintain or even increase the level of services. She provided details on the impact of the Executive budget on various ODA programs and line items. The House Finance Committee testimony slides are available on the OHT website:

<http://www.healthtransformation.ohio.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=YSBfFwKL1SU%3d&tabid=40>

Questions and Comments:

In response to Susan Ackerman's question about utilization review, Roland Hornbostel stated that all systems are looking at service utilization, i.e., clinical case-by-case examination to authorize appropriate level of services.

Jean Thompson mentioned concerns that assisted living, as the "middle ground" is being ignored.

Bill Sundermeyer asked if something indicated the full spectrum of service and level of cuts. Greg Moody responded that the information was available on the website, but PASSPORT would need to be added to that list.

Lynn Wieland commented on the Emergency Response System cuts, that there are now devices that consumers could pay for once, rather than monthly, suggesting cost reductions.

Roland Hornbostel responded to Susan Ackerman's question about maintenance of effort (MOE) that we will need a waiver for another two-year period in order to meet Older Americans Act MOE.

Jeff Lycan conveyed concerns about ability to ensure prompt payment through JFS as PASSPORT payer, especially with increased volume. Bonnie Kantor-Burman responded with her intent to convene beginning next week, a group of JFS/ODA staff to begin working through potential issues.

Bob Applebaum asked about the Administration's plan to make the system more rational with cost efficiencies. Greg Moody cited several examples: PACE evaluation and moving the ICF program to DODD. Efficiencies are also anticipated with the unified waiver which would entail changing of level of care rather than having to exit one waiver to get onto another waiver.

2011 REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE

April 14
May 12

June 9
July 14

September 8
November 9

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm.