

Minutes
Unified Long-Term Care Budget Administration Subcommittee
November 7, 2007

Attendees: David. A. Ellis, Larke Recchie, Joan W. Lawrence, Jana Patchen, Tracy Williams, Barb Petering, Jerry McKee, Gary Cook, Jerry Kithcart, Don Medd, Mike Compton, Hubert Wirtz, Russell Kamin, Scott Bowers, Kathleen Crampton, Douglas Day, Brenda Finlay, Roland Hornbostel, Maureen Corcoran, David Tramontana, Cristal Thomas, Erika Robbins, Chris Whistler, Rex Plouck, Angie Bergefurd, Pari Sabety, Chris Murray.

David A. Ellis, Assistant Director of the Office of Budget and Management and Chair of the Subcommittee, welcomed participants to the initial meeting of the Administration Subcommittee. The Subcommittee is NOT charged with “expanding the pie.”

The statute that created the Unified Long-Term Care Budget Workgroup was briefly reviewed (for reference, its Section 213.30 of Am. Sub. HB 119 (the budget bill for this biennium). From the statute, there are three distinct tasks for this subcommittee’s recommendations to the full Workgroup: 1) recommending a potential structure for the unified budget; 2) recommending how best to ensure that our information technology systems support this structure; and 3) developing recommended performance metrics for a unified budget.

An overview of the larger workgroup’s progress to date was given. There are four different phases to the unified budget work. Phase 1 focuses on consumers who receive NF and NF-like services (especially Medicaid waivers). Phase 2 focuses on consumers who access long-term services and supports through the Medicaid state plan. Phase 3 focuses on consumers who receive services through the MR/DD system (consistent with the timing of the ODMRDD “futures” project). Phase 4 will focus on consumers who receive similar long-term services and supports through non-Medicaid sources.

Next the Subcommittee reviewed the charter for this group. The charter was accepted by the subcommittee with two changes. First, **a schedule of meetings will be set in advance (action step)**. Second, under conduct of meetings, the clause “everyone can support it (decisions)/live with it” was deleted. **The subcommittee also asked that name tents be created for future meetings (action step)**.

A draft matrix for phase one of the ULTCB (NF and related services) was distributed with the caution that this is a work in progress and that members should write the date of the draft at the top. Agencies are working together to refine the matrix based on comments from the full workgroup. Principally, this means breaking down the program list to reflect what services are currently funded. For consistency, data on the matrix will be based on the ODJFS-OHP Decision Support System (data from each agency may differ slightly). The subcommittee discussed that, while the matrix does not reflect Medicare data (which isn’t available to us anyway), we should consider maximizing

Medicare (and other third party payment sources) funding for long-term supports and should “not give up on Medicare.”

After discussion, the subcommittee concluded that the process of **recommending a potential budget structure would benefit from a discussion paper that will be prepared for the next meeting (action step)**. The goal is to be faithful to the language of H.B. 119 while “supporting flexible funding that we can account for in a transparent manner.”

Members also requested a presentation on MITS at the next meeting and the State Profile Tool (created by Thomson/Medstat to track state performance in balancing its long-term care system). (action step).

Other discussions on phase one centered on the issue of nursing facility residents with behavioral health needs and managed care enrollees who may fit between phase 1 and phase 2 of the unified budget work. The subcommittee briefly discussed the ability of managed care to absorb risk from state Medicaid systems.

Due to time, the Chair requested that subcommittee participants email 3 issues for the subcommittee to consider and a suggested vision for the creation of the budget. These should be sent to Roland Hornbostel at rhornbostel@age.state.oh.us. (action step).

Roland discussed the concept of a “caseload forecasting council” and members requested that the link to the Washington (state) council be sent. (completed – if you do not have it, contact Roland at the above email address).

Next meeting of the administration subcommittee will be held on December 4 from 3 to 5 PM at the OBM conference room (Rhodes SOT, 35th floor). Agenda items will include MITS, the concept paper on budget structure, the state profile tool, and an update on the matrix for phase 1.