

**Unified Long Term Care System (ULTCS) Workgroup
Minutes
April 7, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbara E. Riley, Ohio Department of Aging, Chair
Susan Ackerman, Center for Community Solutions
Kathleen Anderson, Ohio Council for Home Care & Hospice
Robert Applebaum, Scripps Gerontology Center, Miami, University
Angie Bergefurd, Ohio Department of Mental Health
Salli Bollin, Alzheimer's Association
Rich Browdie, Benjamin Rose Institute
Mary Butler, Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council
Andrew Capehart, Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services
Douglas Day, Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services
Mark Davis, Ohio Provider Resource Association
Diane Dietz (for Pete VanRunkle), Ohio Health Care Association
Chuck Demidovich, County Commissioners Association of Ohio
Bridget Gargan, Ohio Hospital Association
Jodi Govern (for Rebecca Maust), Ohio Department of Health
Janet Grant, Ohio Association of Health Plans/CareSource
Mallory Heidorn (for Senator Shannon Jones), Ohio Senate
Roland Hornbostel, Ohio Department of Aging
Christine Kozobarich for Becky Williams, SEIU 1199
Peggy Lehner, Ohio House of Representatives
Beverly Laubert, State of Ohio Ombudsman
Jeff Lycan, Ohio Hospice and Palliative Care
Christopher Murray, Ohio Academy of Nursing Homes
Steve Peishel, Office of Budget and Management
Tracy Plouck, ODJFS/Ohio Health Plans
Michael Rench, Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission
Patrick Stephen, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
Joe Ruby, Ohio Assn. of Area Agencies on Aging
Bill Sundermeyer, AARP Ohio
Jean Thompson, Ohio Assisted Living Association

HANDOUTS

4/7/10 Agenda
3/1/10 Meeting Minutes
Subcommittee Charters
RSC Café Conversations PowerPoint
Our Choice: Living in the Community Olmstead conference brochure

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Barbara Riley opened the plenary meeting at 2:05 pm and called for introduction of those present, asking them to specify "member" or "observer."

PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

RSC CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS

RSC Director Michael Rench described the model for the Café Conversations, based on the www.worldcafe.com and aligned with Peter Block's *Conversational Leadership* philosophy. An estimated 1300 people participated in 13 events around Ohio throughout March. (<http://www.rsc.ohio.gov/RSCDocuments/CafeConversations.aspx>). Using the information gleaned from these "open mike" events, RSC is working with OSU to develop themes from the comments that will be posted online. Two initial themes identified were: "People didn't get what they wanted" and "Poor customer experience." Information collected is also being used in budget planning.

RATIFICATION OF SUBCOMMITTEE CHARTERS

Charters for the Balance and Funding, Eligibility and Integration & Care Management Subcommittees were each discussed and approved without dissent.

Action Item: Ratification of the Service Array Charter was tabled until the next meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

(See Subcommittees' individual notes posted on the ULTCS website for full details.)

BALANCE & FUNDING

Co-chair Roland Hornbostel gave an overview of this subcommittee meeting, which included:

- Presentation by Steve Peishel on the EMMA Finance workgroup.
- Presentation by Tracy Plouck on Medicaid financing.
- Discussion on other information needed, e.g., impact on DD system.
- Presentation of a balancing "strawman" based on the state profile tool and discussion of impact of balancing on quality of life and how to measure.
- Plan for next meeting to do follow-up presentations and discuss impact of health care reform, as well as reviewing work from last ULTCS report.

ELIGIBILITY

Chair Rick Tully gave an overview of this subcommittee's work. There were discussion of 16 ULTCS recommendations from the May 2008 report, and comments and additions from the initial subcommittee meeting. Discussion centered on two categories: streamlining the process and revising standards and rule to equalize access. There were presentations by JFS on the new redetermination rule and process, and on the ROMPIR process to expedite eligibility for those leaving institutions. More information will be shared at the next meeting on new initiatives from JFS to address eligibility concerns: online application and asset verification system, both to be implemented in October 2010.

INTEGRATION AND CARE MANAGEMENT

Co-chair Marc Molea reported on this subcommittee's discussion which centered around dual eligibles, the role of the physician and the need for better integration to save money on readmissions. General recommendations that will be refined in future meetings include: improve care management support, educate consumers on options, fix things upon first contact, and develop statewide consistency. Next meeting will focus on integration of care across settings.

SERVICE ARRAY

Matt Hobbs (on behalf of interim facilitator Barb Petering) gave an overview of the subcommittee meeting. The group discussed advances in technology and heard a telehealth presentation from

Christina Miller (DODD) about a new service in the IO waiver for offsite monitoring. Research needs were reviewed and refined, along with common themes of transportation, workforce shortage, housing, vocational supports and telehealth. Participants were asked to complete a homework assignment based on the bullets in the charter from their system's perspective, looking for commonalities and gaps in service. The next agenda will include discussion of the proposed home care attendant service and on discussion of the one-pager homework assignment.

Committee chairs and/or scribes were asked to forward subcommittee meeting notes to Mary Inbody. The other two subcommittees, Workforce and Front Door, are expected to be holding meetings in the near future.

MEMBER ITEM(S)

Mary Butler asked that copies of the Olmstead Task Force conference brochure be disseminated, and an electronic copy will be made available through the ODA Web site.

NEXT STEPS/NEXT MEETING

The ULTCS Workgroup meeting will be held on May 5, 2010 from noon to 3 pm at the Lazarus Building, 6th Floor, beginning with the plenary session focusing on health care reform and its implications for long-term care, eligibility, etc. and followed by the subcommittee meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 pm.