

Unified Long-term Care Budget Workgroup Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 25, 2007
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Board Room

Workgroup members present:

Roland Hornbostel, ODA
Robert Applebaum, Scripps Gerontology Center
Donna Conley, OH Citizen Advocates for Chemical Dependency Prevention & Treatment
Jean Thompson, Ohio Assisted Living
Becky Maust, ODH
Steve Mombach, TriHealth/PACE/SeniorLink
Representative Armon Budish
Senator Capri Cafaro
Director John Martin, OMRDD
Cristal Thomas, ODJFS
Betsy Johnson, NAMI Ohio
Mary A. Inbody, OACBHA
Hubert Wirtz, Ohio Council of Behavioral Healthcare Providers
Janet Grant, Care Source/OAHP
Joe Ruby, AAA 10B
Trisha Hershey, proxy for Senator Tom Niehaus
Bill Sundermeyer, AARP
Kathleen Anderson, OH Council for Home Care
Brian E. Allen, Skilled Nursing Care Coalition
Douglas L. Day, ODADAS
Angie Bergefurd, ODMH
Peg Ising, ODI
Shelley Papenfuse, Ohio Olmstead Taskforce

The meeting convened at 1:10 pm. Welcome and introductions were provided by Roland Hornbostel, ODA. Donna Connely was introduced as a new Workgroup member. The approval of the minutes from the October 9th meeting was properly moved and seconded. The motion carried.

Bruce Tuxhorn of Hannah's House Homestyle Assisted Living in Marietta, Ohio provided public comment on behalf of his facility. His property was excluded from the waiver program as they are an adult group home, not a residential care facility. They are licensed differently because of their size (16 bed private bed/bath facility).

Action steps from the previous meeting were reviewed including the topic "*What services and programs are included in the ULTCB line item?*" It was determined that the Workgroup would have a different way to conceptualize the programs after the afternoon's presentations as opposed to utilizing the "Strawman" presentation. The group's moderator discussed finalizing the Workgroup's ground rules and provided an alternative to Robert's Rules of Order (handout disseminated). Also, included was information on alternates and constituents, the role of proxies, decision-making, communications and media contact, facilitators / public participation and sub-committees. Appointee substitutions to sub-committees are to be provided to the committee chairs and to Roland Hornbostel. Caucusing ground-rules are to be stricken from the handout.

Senator Cafarolo requested that copies of a 2003 report on peer grouping be provided to the workgroup members.

Presentations were provided to the body by the following individuals:

- Harry Saxe, ODJFS, Nursing Facilities
- Joe Ruby, AAA 10B – PASSPORT
- Jennie Nickel, ODJFS – Ohio Home Care
- Steve Momback, TriHealth – PACE

Due to timing concerns, presentations by Hope Roberts, ODA – Assisted Living and Judy Patterson, ODA – Choices will be provided at the November 15th meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding *What are Long-Term Care Services and Supports in Ohio?* (as in Medicaid only, non-acute). Behavioral health services should be provided to Phase I people via community mental health agencies. Pre-admission screening and non-reimbursed services currently being provided by family members will be reviewed by the unmet needs sub-committee. Workgroup members were given a matrix handout that specified what LTC in Ohio is. RSS providers were discussed by the group. Questions discussed were: What is LTC?; Should the Workgroup further evaluate it (LTC)?; What should “consumer direction” be and how is LTC allocated to those self-directing their services? It was determined that the Unmet Needs Sub-Committee should focus on what we will do for people who live in Nursing homes. Please note that the matrix spreadsheet is not to imply that this is the way things should be done. The Workgroup will consider if there should be additional services to include or remove from the matrix.

A “front door” element was summarized as follows: the Workgroup will consider the implications of non-Medicaid funds and services by consumers using the ULTCB. Phases I, II and III are Medicaid focused only. They are non-acute, but will integrate with other programs that are available.

Phases I, II and III have been charged to the sub-committees. The focus should be on Medicaid only, non-acute and acute services and supports as they relate to the same consumer. Please keep in mind if someone is receiving LTC services and supports from other funding sources.

Phase 4 should include non-Medicaid funding sources.

The Workgroup reviewed the sub-committee list, and agreed that their work should begin immediately.

The next Workgroup meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15th, location to be determined.

Stakeholder concerns are to be addressed during the November 15th meeting. Please email Roland Hornbostel by close of business November 8th if you’d like to present at the upcoming meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.