



Long Term Support Policy Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday October 1, 2021

By Zoom

Topic: LTS PAC

Time: October 1, 2021 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Geri Vanevenhoven, Recorder

I. Meeting called to order at 9:00a.m. Deb Suchla

**II. PAC Member Attendance**

Deb Suchla	by Zoom	Denise Klosinski	by Zoom	Vickie Smith	by Zoom
Geri Vanevenhoven	by Zoom	Marietta Luster	by Zoom	Melissa Annoye	ABSENT
Beth Roberts	by Zoom	Amie Bastian	by Zoom	Tamara Feest	ABSENT
Christine Hovell	by Zoom	Sheila Drays	by Zoom	Ron Schmidt	ABSENT
Lisa Stephan	by Zoom	Jennifer Thompson	by Zoom		
Jennifer Witkowski	by Zoom	Beth Freeman	by Zoom		
Betty Bradley	by Zoom	Trista Piccola	EXCUSED		

**Others on the Zoom:** Katie Davis, WCHSA; Robin Raj, Area Administration; Amy Bell-Ferries, Area Administration; Monica Bear, Dane; Becky Bell, Dodge County; Amy Booher, Dodge County Deb Rathermel, BCS; Caitlin Bagshaw, Walworth County; Kendall Williamson, Marian University Student (FDL CO Intern); Joann Dewhurst, Calumet County; Julie Driscoll, Washington County; Julie Butz, Rock County; Ann Lamberg, DHS; Curtis Cunningham, DHS

**III. Review and Approval of amended minutes from August 6, 2021**

Motion: Jennifer Thompson

Seconded: Christine Hovell

Beth Freeman abstained

Unanimously approved.

#### **IV. Updates - County Only Discussion**

##### a.) State Budget Discussion (Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf WCA)

a. Only budget update is the DCS funding. Due to the updated language related to the DCS program in the 2021-2022 State Biennial Budget, DHS is required “to expand the dementia care specialist program to all tribes and ADRCs” in the state. The funding was in adequate and DHS was working on a way to make the allocation equitable but in the end some Counties lost funding creating workforce issues.

##### b.) CLTS Update:

a. Question regarding Referrals to CLTS from Katie Beckett. Counties are receiving canned emails/scripts indicating that children are screening eligible but Counties are unsure if families are actually aware that they will be referred to CLTS. Some Counties have experienced situations where families are unaware a referral has been made, others are aware but are under informed as to what CLTS waivers can help them with, others seem aware but do not have any identified need, concern that the County called me but didn’t “know anything about my child,” yet others seem overwhelmed by the number of people who are calling them in a relatively short period of time. Screens are being completed over the phone, no home visit or assessment required by KB and in some cases incomplete or not detailed. Concern that the referral date is the date given to Katie Beckett not the CWA resulting is a shorter turnaround time for a completed plan. Does KB have a “script” they use when telling a family about eligibility? Are families given a choice about a referral being made?

##### c.) Birth to Three

a. Nothing to report.

##### d.) Adults/ADRC/MCO

a. More discussion around relationships with MCO’s. MCO’s have become “too big to fail” No longer the feel of “member centered” but more around cost of services (specifically when funding placements). Members are remaining in IMD’s longer while waiting for placements and members are being placed outside their home communities which appears to be financially driven. Care Management quality has decreased, it does not seem that MCO’s have as much contacted with members as they have in the past. Would like more conversations around smoother transitions from children’s services to adult; including earlier conversations about guardianship and supported decision making (support earlier education and clear transition planning)

#### **V. Updates with non-county participants 10:00a.m.**

##### I.) Adult Placement Issues-Ann Lamberg (Deputy Director Bureau of Quality Oversight DHS)

a. Counties presented challenges that Counties are experiencing with MCO’s including the lack of person centered planning and the number of facilities that are closing due to the reduced daily rate paid my MCO’s. Discussion about MCO’s moving members without notifying counties, this has been a long standing issue.

- b. Updates: IDD changes to 2022 contract with IRIS, FC Partnership and PACE. Adult FH 1-2 bed certifications report all homes to DHS quarterly. Placing agencies need to notify and conduct routine visits through the year (prior it had been every 3 years), Agencies need to be responding to critical incidents and report to DHS and certification or contract ending/terminations. Contract oversight team at DHS will be monitoring caregiver background, training requirements and increasing communication.
- c. Looking for County representatives to participate in a System Analysis with The Center for START services out of the University of New Hampshire. The system analysis is designed to assess the effectiveness of a state's community system of care in addressing the needs of individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and co-occurring mental health conditions.

II.) Curtis Cunningham-Additional Funding: (Plan included with minutes) Received \$350 million which can be matched with federal funds which equates to about \$700 million for community based waiver services. The initial plan has been submitted to CMS. DHS identified six areas to invest the ARPA HCBS funding to support sustainable delivery model transformation

- Medicaid HCBS workforce, Provider capacity and fiscal stability
- Promoting quality and innovation resources
- Tribal Long Term Care System
- Independent living and family/informal caregiver resources
- Access to HCBS information and services
- Assisted living information, analysis and quality oversight.

DHS had a quick turnaround time to submit this plan (less than 30 days). Will be looking for Assistance how to implement the projects. There is \$100 million in Care Act Funding for Providers

III.) DHS-BCS Update Deb Rathermel

- 1.) Bto3 ARPA Plan: \$3.3 million received. Plan is to brief the ICC and the stakeholder workgroup for targeted insight. \$1.5 million will be used for professional development (CESA 5 contract) and \$1 million in local program grants and relief. \$300,000 will be used to keep PPS going with a long term plan on moving to a different platform.
- 2.) Waiver Renewal: The plan is currently with CMS; CMS and DHS have been negotiating details prior to the January 1, 2022 implementation date. DHS is anticipating CMS approval in December. DHS has already received 2 rounds of feedback asking for details not questioning the actual changes.
- 3.) Bto3 Review Protocol  
30 Counties were issued revised reports in September.
- 4.) Work Group Updates
  - o Birth to 3 Stakeholder Workgroup  
working on the Birth to 3 Program Manual. In the final stages initial feedback has been good, the manual has been identified as resourceful and helpful
  - o CLTS Stakeholder Workgroup  
Recent work has been around the waiver renewal. October meeting is

Expected to be more of the same. Will add Katie Beckett screens/process To the October Agenda. Future topic would be building in conversations About guardianship/supportive decision making. Starting the Conversations earlier. Also, what are the federal requirements for Notifying families who are waiting to enroll with no waitlist?

IV.) ADRC-Tom Balsley/Katelynn Marschall (Legal and Protective Supervisor for Aging Services)

- 1.) Katelynn provided an overview of DCS funding dating back to 2013. In 2013 DCS was piloted by 5 ADRC's. In 2014 Expanded to 11=16. In 2015 added 3 Tribal DCS. 2017-2019 2<sup>nd</sup> largest expansion to 24 positions and 2019-2021 added 8 new positions and 1 tribe. 33 total DCS within 34 ADRC's and 4 tribes within 56 Counties.
  - A.) What does the DCS program do? Increases the dementia capabilities of the local ADRC as well as facilitates local efforts to build dementia friendly communities, support people with dementia and their family caregivers to remain active and able to stay in their own homes and communities
  - B.) Current Expansion-Program is required to be statewide. Phased approach \$1 million first biennium \$1million in 2<sup>nd</sup> year. DHS used a population based formula and considered poverty, race, ethnicity and included a baseline of \$40,000. ADRC's who are getting \$40,000 can combine funding with another ADRC to create a DCS position; they can combine the DCS position within another position in the ADRC (options counselor) some counties are supplementing the other half of the position with County levy or other ADRC funding.
- 2.) 2022 ADRC contract will have minor changes. Only recent change has been adding the DCS to CORE services section as written in state statute. The operations manual will be complete before the January 1 deadline. Tom will follow up with Jennifer to provide an overview of the operations manual at the November WCHSA

**VI. Committee Updates**

a.) WCHSA Reports and Updates from Subcommittees

I. WCHSA

- 1.) Secretaries meeting scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>. The Secretaries meeting is where WCHSA will bring high level issues to the Secretaries of DCF and DHS. The August meeting did not include much for this PAC. Next meeting will be in November; a date has not been scheduled.
- 2.) WCHSA Executive Committee: Meets next week. Will provide updates on Children with complex care needs, update on DCS and MCO challenges.

II. Long Term Care Council Report: No update. LTC PAC nominated Beth Freeman. NWCHSA Board approved the nomination of Beth Freeman Katie is still trying to connect with the right people at the State.

III. CCR on Abuse later in life: Marietta has been appointed as WCHSA's representative. Last meeting was 9/23. Provided information on recently signed legislation of elders over 60 Wisconsin Act 76 (attachment)

- IV. CLTS Stakeholder Workgroup: Changes in transition requirements. Discussion for service coordinators what documents should be shared with the ADRC through the transition period.
- V. CLTS Council: Next meeting is 10/13/2021. Agenda includes Program Access materials, ARPA funding for Disability Resource Centers 91x funding how will it be sustained after) and the current dashboard (is it accurate).
- VI. ICC: No update. Materials have been sent out. July was the last meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>, Discussion about Vickie replacing Lisa. Vickie has respectfully declined the nomination.
- VII. Specialized Transportation: No Update. Veyo awarded State contract will begin Nov 1.
- VIII. Birth to Three PAC workgroup: On hold

### **VII: LTC PAC Business**

- a. Update on Children with Complex Care Needs (Katie D)
  - ii. State is working on Psych residential facilities. WCHSA is planning a 2 part summit to discuss the issue. WCHSA has hired a consultant to mediate the conversation. The first meeting will be the first week of December. Plan to bring in a residential provider who has had success with this population. OE team selected to start in January; task is to prioritize a list of ways we can serve this population of kids.
- b. Update on Residency (Katie D)
  - i. Slow progress, attorneys still sorting it all out. Plan to keep this on the agenda so we don't lose track of it.
- c. Future Meetings: Through Winter meetings will be Virtual. Monthly or bi-monthly meetings for 2022? There will be no meeting in December, next meeting is November 19<sup>th</sup> and then January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Vickie respectfully declined the ICC nomination. Call for other nominations. Geri will approach FdL Co's Birth to Three Coordinator to discuss interest. Any other nominations should be brought to the November meeting.
- e. Strategic Planning Update-On hold until October

### **IX. Follow-up**

- Ann Lamberg NH study
- ARPA funding roll out/updates for HCBS Waivers and Birth to Three
- Jennifer Speckien to November meeting to present on ADRC Operations Manual
- Alzheimer's Association would like to talk with the LTC PAC about training for APS
- Include Aging as a standing agenda items.
- BCS (Deb R.) Workgroup updates, meeting September 24<sup>th</sup> regarding SSC solutions for Counties who continue to struggle with CLTS enrollment.

### **Future topics:**

- 2023 Sandy Blakeney to discuss next round of CST testing.

### **Cross PAC Topics**

APS/Helen E.F. Placements



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**X. Adjournment**

Next meetings: January 7, 2022 via Zoom