

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP MANAGED CARE COALITION

MINUTES

May 3, 2006

Attendees:

Columbia County:

Sandra Roberts
 Dennis Wittig

Dodge County

Kathryn Ryan
 David Titus

Green Lake County

Linda Van Ness

Jefferson County

Tom Schleitwiler
 Sue Torum

Juneau County

Mike Roraff
 Steve Ruff

Marquette County

Carol Wright

Ozaukee County

Robert Haupt
 Frank Peterson

Sauk County

Sue Hebel
 William Orth

Sheboygan County

Joan Ketterman
 Ann Wndergem

Washington County

Michael Bloedorn

Waukesha County

Jack Bodien
 Russ Kutz
 Don Maurer

Waushara County

Glenn Johnson
 Jim Surprise

Community Care, Inc.

Paul F. Soczynski

Community Living Alliance

Todd Costello
 David Sievert

Elder Care of WI

Ken Eimers
 Wayne Hagenbuch

Lutheran Social Services

Ed Kohl
 Elaine Reis

The Management Group

Peter Tropman

DHFS

Gail Propsom

CALL TO ORDER

Paul Soczynski called meeting to order at 9:35.

Before we were able to address Paul's agenda, Sandy Roberts agreed to begin this meeting with a little levity.

RESOLVE MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS

Apparently Fond du Lac and Manitowoc Counties have decided to formally join with other planning consortiums.

Peter Tropman informed our members that Rock County is in the process of "shopping around" to join one of the other LTC planning consortiums in the southern part of the state.

Rock County administrators will be attending our May 15th educational summit on “Medicaid Long Term Care Reform.” We understand that Rock County may be awarded a \$30,000 planning grant provided they join with another consortium.

EDUCATIONAL SUMMIT OUTLINE FOR MAY 15, 2006

Paul admitted that the rough draft of the training agenda (sent to our members on May 2nd) probably represented five days worth of material.

Paul confirmed that someone from Richland County and La Crosse County would be present at the May 15th training session to provide an overview of Family Care programs. Administrators from the partnership agencies will provide an overview of how their managed care organizations differ from Family Care organizations.

After a great deal of discussion, those present agreed that we should make sure to accomplish at least four different objectives for the May 15th training:

Attendees will have a clear understanding of the difference between the care management programs that currently exist.

The administrators of the current care management organizations will provide information on “lessons learned.”

Given the experience of care management organizations, there should be information provided on other possible models of managing long term care.

Before the end of the day, persons attending will be given information pertaining to alternative methods of governing a care management organization.

UPDATE REGARDING TAX LEVY POSITION PAPER FROM SEWCMO COUNTIES

Peter pointed out that all the other planning consortiums with which he consults share most of the concerns expressed in the “position paper” by the SEWCMO counties.

Helene Nelson and her staff have discussed the questions listed in the position paper and will respond when they have sufficient information.

Those present agreed that Chuck Wilhelm’s visits to a number of counties throughout the state to assess how Community Aids revenue is used by counties will be valuable information in addressing the concerns described in the “position paper.”

Peter informed those in attendance that DHFS administrators are convinced that the most cost effective LTC reform efforts will be those that emphasis “regional solutions.”

It was suggested that Helene Nelson may very well have additional comments to make in regards to the SEWCMO position paper by the time of her presentation to the WCHSA spring conference on May 18, 2006.

REVIEW AND APPROVE SECOND DRAFT OF MOU

All of those persons present for this meeting agree that the most recent draft of the MOU was satisfactory and should be signed.

REVIEW EXHIBIT 1 REQUIREMENTS

Ed Kohl informed the group that he has not yet had a chance to review the most recent draft of the expectations of LSS as the fiscal agent. Ed will be able to review this list of requirements within the next couple of days.

UPDATE BY ADRC WORKGROUP

Tom Schleitwiler mentioned that the ADRC workgroup would convene its first meeting this Friday, May 5, 2006 at Jefferson County Human Services Department from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Peter Tropman reminded those present that there was a great deal of information on the long-term care redesign website pertaining to the development of ADRC's.

Here too the state has a great deal of interest in supporting resource centers that have a regional focus.

The planning process for developing ADRC's must involve representatives from different organizations: Human Services; Public Health; Aging; Center for Independence and others.

REVIEW DRAFT LETTER TO STATE REGARDING INVOLVING STAKEHOLDERS

Paul stated that he has not yet had a chance to draft this letter.

REVIEW REQUEST FOR WCA TO ADDRESS TAX LEVY QUESTION

Craig Thompson of WCA has agreed to attend our June 7th planning committee meeting to provide updated information on the use of tax levy in the long-term care reform effort.

Peter mentioned that he believed WCA was going to work with counties by having their attorneys conduct a more detailed assessment of this issue.

REVIEW GOVERNESS MODELS

It was agreed that a more thorough discussion on this subject would not take place until after our May 15th training event.

REVIEW TMG FACILITATION PROPOSAL

Peter Tropman stated that he would provide a more specific work plan for our consortium by the time of our next meeting. It will include a statement of specific work tasks to be performed by TMG.

CONSIDER FORMATION OF NEW WORKGROUPS

Ken Eimers of Elder Care volunteered to serve as the chair of the yet to be developed IT ad hoc workgroup.

The IT workgroup will try and come up with a description of what type of information is needed, how can existing software programs be integrated and at what estimated cost.

Joan Ketterman, David Sievert and Peter Tropman volunteered to work together to create a packet of information that would help explain the long-term care reform planning initiative to other interested organizations or individuals.

SUMMARY OF RACINE COUNTY'S LONG TERM CARE REFORM INITIATIVE

Community Care Inc. currently provides Partnership services in Racine County. Racine County has a number of long-term care program managers retiring in the next few months. These circumstances combined to encourage Racine County to approach Community Care about moving forward first.

Racine County is interested in having Community Care Inc. administer all of their long-term care programs with the exception of those county tasks mandated by law.

Both Racine County and DHFS have an interest in having a new long term care reform program implemented early in 2007.

Racine County Administrators intend to negotiate about the State Long Term Care County levy dollars to move forward on expanding managed care programs. There is also agreement that the savings generated by the Care Management Organization will eventually be utilized to take eligible clients off the wait list. Once Wait list are eliminated the savings will be utilized to replace the county levy dollars currently utilized for this purpose. Eventually this will be a state funded program with the administration of Long Term Care Services being contracted to a Managed Care Organization. At this point in time this reform effort for all Medicaid services under a managed care system is being referred to as "Medicaid Complete".

There was a concern expressed at how "transition cost" might be financed when counties move from their existing model to having a managed care organization administer services. Both agencies will have staff and or overhead for a brief period of time.

A suggestion was made that our consortium supports the hiring of additional support staff to assist Paul in coordinating or managing this planning effort. Paul agreed to give some thought on what type of help would be the most beneficial to him.

Remaining agenda items for this meeting was postponed until our next meeting on June 7th 2006.

Before adjourning this meeting everyone was reminded to make sure and attend the May 15th "Educational Summit" at the Milwaukee office of Community Care Inc.

Recorded by Robert Haupt