

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Instructions: [F-01922A](#)

Name of Governmental Body: Wisconsin Long Term Care Advisory Council (LTCAC)			Attending: Audrey Nelson, Beth Swedeen, Christine Witt, Cindy Bentley, Darci Knapp, Denise Pommer, Dennise Lavrenz, Janet Zander, John Sauer, Kenneth Munson, Lea Kitz, Mary Fredrickson, Maureen Ryan, Sam Wilson, Shanna Jensen, Stacy Ellingen, Cathy Ley
Date: 7/14/2020	Time Started: 9:30 a.m.	Time Ended: 1:00 p.m.	
Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting			Presiding Officer: Heather Breummer
Minutes			

Members absent: none

Others present: Brenda Bauer, Carrie Molke, Curtis Cunningham, Jennifer Speckien, Kevin Coughlin, Lisa Pugh, Suzanne Ziehr, Todd Costello

Meeting called to order

- Heather Bruemmer went through meeting structure and process for public comment
- Audrey Nelson moved to approve the May minutes, Dennise Laverez seconded the motion, the minutes were approved unanimously
- Maureen Ryan moved to approve the July agenda, Janet Zander seconded the motion, the agenda was approved unanimously
- Individuals interested in council membership should send letter of interest to Suzanne.Ziehr@dhs.wisconsin.gov by September 8, 2020. There are currently 5 seats on the council for which terms are expiring. More information can be found on the Council website

Department Updates, presented by Curtis Cunningham and Carrie Molke

Department of Medicaid Services (DMS) updates

- Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)
 - Next public forum is being held online July 29, 2020, from 1:30-3:30 pm
 - This forum will focus on the EVV training plan
 - The soft launch has been rolled back to November 2, 2020
 - Implementation should be completed by January 1, 2021
- IRIS waiver
 - Public comment period has closed
 - Currently in process of reviewing and responding to comments
 - The waiver will be submitted in September 2020
- CARES Funding
 - Providers can apply for funding of costs related to COVID-19 supplies, business loss, personal protective equipment (PPE), etc. for the months of April, May, and June.
- Non-residential Home and Community Based Settings have begun receiving remediation letters

Department of Public Health (DPH) updates

- Continuing to work on Long Path initiative
- Still working with the Caregiver Taskforce
- Health Equity
 - Looking at this as experiencing two (2) public health emergencies at the same time

- Working on developing a leadership training opportunity to how to look at policies and develop new policies with an equity lens.
 - Possibly to start in fall 2020
- Examining how to best give power to communities so they can lead the initiatives and their voices are heard
- COVID-19
 - Pivoting much of the bureau work to be part of COVID-19 work
 - Developed reconstitution advice and guidance to critical partners
- DPH leadership changes
 - Jeanne Ayers has left the Department of Health Services (DHS), Stephanie Smalley is interim public health administrator

Long Path Update, presented by Carrie Molke

- Went through PowerPoint
- Looking for Council thoughts and guidance on how this can be done in a remote way and what should be modified due to guidance.
- Using Healthy WI Institute Leadership training, from UW Public Health for leader development
- **Council Suggestions**
 - Chose leaders with the end in mind and what are their roles and responsibility to advance the goals
 - Training piece is important to do right, this is large scale training
 - What is the role and responsibilities of those working on this
 - Be very clear and use data to show how we will be stronger with coordination a
 - Public health organizations invited to training
 - Use clear vision process with counties
 - Include boards of commissioners or steering committees that work with tribes
 - Align with this training with Milwaukee County's activities
 - Send 3-4 specific questions to Council for feedback on before the next meeting
 - Zoom is one method to meet with groups, but doesn't work for everyone
 - Are we silo-ing by separating leaders into different groups
 - Are we marginalizing the population
 - Use community conversations, power mapping, friend of friend of friend calls, small groups

Governor's Taskforce Recommendations, presented by Todd Costello and Lisa Pugh

- Trying to be have a user friendly platform
- Worker registry will be helping, it will be available to families
- Inclusion of kids has been identified
- Will work with state agencies to help refine the costs
- Final vote is on September 10th regarding the taskforce's recommendations

2021 ADRC Scope of Services, presented by Jennifer Speckien

- Went through Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Scope of Services document
- Updates aim to make it clear what the role of the ADRC is and isn't in specific situations
- Emergency Preparedness and Response is a new section, previously was one (1) paragraph
- Some shared positions text was more appropriate for the conflict of interest policy
- Staff qualifications and training had sections removed because they were repetitive
- Grievance and appeals will be changing based on information received last week
- Waiver is still in draft form, based on what is in the approved waiver, the contract may be amended

Health Equity and COVID-19, presented by Carrie Molke

- Went through PowerPoint
- Data is for those over 60 years old in Wisconsin
 - Tribes have choice of what to make public or not with data

- DHS is tracking Long-Term Care participants with disabilities and in the future will be able to pull out data on that group regarding COVID-19
- Alzheimer's package was initially broken up by county; a couple years ago had allocations for tribes but learned that tribal members weren't using their allocations
- **Council suggestions:**
 - Updated county health rankings report came out in spring, would be interesting to see continued and how to better understand our population and how we can be better designed to support the populations to improve health./we all need to be aligned in what we are doing to make a difference
 - Hesitate to use LTCAC to get at health equity, we are largely a very white group. Stakeholders should be primary ones to get the information
 - In some ways we are a qualified group to work on this as we are in the community and working with individuals with disabilities and backgrounds
 - Keep issues in front of us and keep us thinking about it. need to keep challenging us and keep us accountable
 - Important to ask these questions and put these questions on agendas everywhere and whenever it can be
 - Admit we don't know how to do this and ask for input
 - We all go back and have our own sphere of influence so it is good for us to have data and go back and keep this conversation going. We need to really understand what the disconnects are. Many times, there are easy fixes to show the community we are listening and trying.

Public Comment

- Wendy:
 - Thank you for serving WI vulnerable residents. I am rural and don't have broadband so participating is challenging.
 - Dental inequities, the funding for dental providers haven't changed for decades. Appreciate someone looking into it.
 - For IRIS enrollment is a choice. From my perspective, I am seeing state representatives limiting that choice. State representatives should reconsider IRIS being a viable alternative to FC.
 - I am seeing a disuse of use of support brokers. I'm a parent. We were told Support Brokers wouldn't be allowed and if I insisted then it would be a health and safety issue
 - They reduced hours by 80% and I didn't receive a NOA so my son was denied his rights.
 - I was told if someone passed away (guardian) they would go to family care and this would dismantle what was set up.
 - Want the functional screen to be reassessed; it is not funding people properly.
- Bob & Heidi Sheire:
 - Need care teams back face-to-face in Richland Center
 - Hard to breathe with face covering
- Anonymous:
 - I would like to remind you that those of us in rural areas do not have high speed internet and thus these types of forums are either impossible or significantly challenged

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Kenneth Munson, seconded by Christine Witt, The meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Prepared by: Suzanne Ziehr on 7/14/2020.

These minutes are in final form. They were presented for approval by the governmental body on: 9/8/2020