

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

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Name of Governmental Body: Wisconsin Long Term Care Advisory Council (LTCAC)			Attending: Audra Martine, Audrey Nelson, Beth Swedeen, Cathy Ley, Christine Witt, Cindy Bentley, Darci Knapp, Denise Pommer, Dennise Lavrenz, Janet Zander, John Sauer, Kenneth Munson, Lea Kitz, Maureen Ryan, Sam Wilson, Shanna Jensen, Stacy Ellingen
Date: 5/11/2021	Time Started: 9:30 a.m.	Time Ended: 12:30 p.m.	
Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting			Presiding Officer: Heather Bruemmer
Minutes			

Members absent: none

Others present: Betsy Genz, Brenda Bauer, Carrie Molke, Curtis Cunningham, Kiva Graves, Nick Munson, Suzanne Ziehr, Tip Pom

Meeting Call to Order, presented by Heather Bruemmer

- All council members introduced themselves
- Approval of March 2021 Minutes
 - Motion to approve by Dennise Lavrenz. Seconded by Janet Zander. Unanimously approved

Department Updates, presented by Carrie Molke and Curtis Cunningham

- Division of Public Health (DPH)
 - COVID
 - State received grants
 - State long term care ombudsman is receiving funding
 - Waiting for what amount is coming to Wisconsin for Adult Protective Services (APS)
 - Vaccine outreach and coordination program
 - all that applied for funding will be receiving it (ADRCs and tribes)
 - Independent living centers, 6 out of 8 will receive vaccine funding.
 - Office of blind and visually impaired are almost ready to begin their in person services
 - Coalition to end isolation and loneliness
 - Survey sent out to see who is interested in joining to one of the four groups
 - Public awareness
 - Research and data
 - Detecting and responding
 - Advocacy and public policy
 - Survey link will be sent to council members
 - Anyone can sign on to the coalition at any time
 - Small group of 10 leading this coalition
 - Dementia
 - Five-year state plan that looks at five core areas
 - Workgroup for each core area
 - Currently revisiting strategies
 - Looking to open to others to join dementia work that have an interest in it.
 - Every three years, State, local and Tribal agencies, and AAAs, beginning process of aging plans
 - This year, counties and tribes are developing their's first and state last so state can learn from local counties and tribes as they get input.

- Local aging units will be required to have an aging plan goal to work on racial justice/equality
- Division of Medicaid Services (DMS) Updates
 - Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)
 - Continuing to move forward and implementing the systems
 - There have been issues with aggregation for those not using state provided system
 - Working to correct this
 - Working towards CMS required hard launch, currently scheduled for November 2021
 - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
 - 10% match for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) services for 1 year
 - Waiting for CMS guidance for what this can be used for
 - Nursing home strike teams, Renee Eastman and Krista Willing are leading this
 - Matching funds for COVID related services
 - Suggestions for what funding used for include Jim Jones and Chuck
 - **Council Suggestions**
 - One-time funds would allow for robust evaluation of rate bands
 - Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) waiver
 - Approved by the Joint Finance Committee (JFC)
 - Out for public comment
 - Monthly Rate of Service (MROS)
 - Conversations continuing and looking at data received
 - Talking with the ICAs
 - Grant Cummings is new Bureau Director for the Bureau of Rate Setting
 - Will be working with Krista Willing on this
 - Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Statewide Transition Plan (STP)
 - This summer, STP will be out for public comment
 - Heightened scrutiny settings were sent to CMS recently
 - Were out for public comment prior
 - Managed Care Quality Strategy is out for public comment until 5/21 (send link)
 - Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)
 - More will be presented on this later in today's meeting
 - This is used for IRIS and other Medicaid recipients (not Family Care members)
 - Current broker is MTM
 - New broker is Veyo - potentially start on November 1, 2021

Workforce Discussion presented by Carrie Molke

- Went through PowerPoint
- Discussed Council Charge
- Link will be sent to council members for Wisconsin Caregivers in Crisis - by Governor's Task Force on Caregiving
- Teal recommendations in PowerPoint are in the JFC version of the budget
- Nursing home and personal care payment reform - some of this stayed in the budget, what was removed were statutory regulations that directed the methodology by which nursing homes were paid
- Concerns noted is that governor's task force was structured differently and met more frequently than the LTCAC
- Will be adding about 3 from taskforce to joining LTCAC
- There is not a single more important issue that is going to affect our LTC/HCBS system going forward. And where people are going to come from that are going to provide care. Paid and unpaid workforce

- ***Council Suggestions:***
 - Make sure you integrate diversity on this when moving the charge into LTCAC, need different voices and background
 - At next meeting could each council member submit their recommendations to have a starting point to make the task more manageable
 - What we want to change our current priorities based on Governor's task force
 - Identify the charges/top priorities

Public Comment

- Bob/Heidi Sheire
 - When talking don't use the word "target"
- Michael Opitz
 - More a comment, not a question: In regards to the workforce shortage and the comments from Cindy Bentley, I would like to point out programs like the Geriatric Career Development program of organizations like Ovation Communities in Milwaukee. It is based on a similar effort that the Jewish Home in New York started. You can contact me at mopitz@ovation.org if you have any questions around this program. We have very successfully recruited care staff right out of High School this way and were able to help young people get into the workforce.
- Jessie Johnson
 - Earn as you learn - created support specialist position to reduce turn over.

Transportation Charge Introduction – Previous Council Work, presented by Brenda Bauer

- Went through PowerPoint
- Nick Munson from GVAR presented also
 - Regional and metropolitan planning organizations can be helpful in putting together a summit
 - Mobility managers - there are mobility managers across the state to help connect the pieces for those looking for transportation options
 - What needs to be solved with transportation coordination - different funding sources coming in and serving different populations makes it difficult to coordinate transportation.
- Transportation funding grid that was put together by DHS previously will be sent out to committee members
- ***Council Suggestion***
 - Since work is being done by the transportation committee and other groups, what is the role of the LTCAC council? May make sense to narrow down the LTCAC role to what we can do that's not being done

Transportation Charge Introduction – Previous Council Work, presented by Tip Pom

- Went through PowerPoint
- Current NEMT advisory committee met last Thursday
- Looking to have one more meeting before spring for NEMT advisory committee

Council Business, presented by Heather Bruemmer

- Next meeting July 13, 2021
- Betsy Genz provided an update on charge to provide advice and guidance on Geographic Service Regions and procurement vs. contracting processes.

- Document will be sent after this meeting and council members are asked to Review and provide feedback on document
- DHS is working on implementation plan
- DHS has met with IAC, IRIS contractors, MCO Leadership, IRIS leadership have all provided feedback

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Cindy Bentley. Motion seconded by Cathy Ley. Approved unanimously.

Prepared by: Suzanne Ziehr on 5/11/2021.

These minutes are in final form. They were presented for approval by the governmental body on: 7/13/2021