

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Long Term Care Advisory Council (LTCAC)			Attending: Audrey Nelson, Chris Witt, Lea Kitz, Cindy Bentley, Shanna Jensen, Stacy Ellingen, Beth Swedeen, Elsa Diaz Bautista, LaVeme Jaros, Shakita LaGrant, Beth Fields, Michael Bruhn, Eric Kostrzak, Joel Gouker, Mackenzie Wann, Janet Hogan, Sara Muhlbauer, Jennifer Jako, Rosalie Gokee, LaWanda Calhoun, Linda Bova
Date: 5/9/2023	Time Started: 9:32am	Time Ended: 1:35pm	
Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting			Presiding Officer: Curtis Cunningham
Minutes			

Members absent: John Schnabl, Jason Glozier, Jessica Trudell, Audra Martine

DHS Staff present: Curtis Cunningham, Carrie Molke, Christian Moran, Alicia Boehme, Brenda Bauer, Steve Gress, Shelly Glenn

Meeting Call to Order – Curtis Cunningham

- The meeting was called to order at 9:32am.
- Introductions of council members and DHS staff
- Stacy Ellingen motioned to approve the March minutes, seconded by Cindy Bentley
 - Minutes approved
- Curtis and Carrie welcomed new committee members and provided opening remarks
 - Past members thanked for their service to the council

DPH Department Updates – Carrie Molke

- The State Health Improvement Plan summary and two-page flier were published in early February
 - <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01791-2023.pdf>
 - <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01791b-2023.pdf>
 - Team is engaged in a series of mapping conversation with partners in five priority areas
 - Social and community conditions
 - Economic well-being
 - Supportive systems of dependent care
 - Health housing
 - Physical, mental, and systemic safety
 - Person and community centered health and social care
 - Social connectedness and belonging (including civic engagement)
 - Mental and emotional health and well-being
- Dementia
 - Based on community feedback, the next dementia plan will be organized around 5 goal categories
 - Public education and local support
 - Professional development/workforce
 - Coordinated care
 - Data/research
 - Policy/advocacy efforts
 - DHS is hosting three State Dementia Plan Summits
 - May 21, 10:00am, Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells, Registration is full
 - June 9, 10:00am, Virtual Summit, Zoom
 - June 14, 12:00pm, Virtual Summit, Zoom
- Updated Guardianship Training Launch May 1
 - Link to guardianship training <https://uwgreenbay.catalog.instructure.com/courses/guardianship-training-v2>

- Over 1,500 people have completed the course as of April 24
- Challenges with ongoing funding though the Governor's version of the budget includes on-going funding
- Community Health Worker Pilot (in ADRCs)
 - BADR received support through the CC Health Disparities grant to support implementation of a Community Health Worker model in rural communities disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Three ADRCs are participating; ADRC of Barron and Rusk Counties, Dunn County and Jackson County
 - Barron and Rusk Counties focused primarily on brain health and home-delivered meal customers who need connection to further resources
 - Dunn County focused on outreach to Hmong community members
 - Jackson County focused on connecting with ADRC customers who benefit from modified/more culturally tailored services or who may require more time spent with them to help navigate needs
 - Outcomes so far are
 - In Barron and Rusk Counties, they are seeing improved PHQ-9 (depression) scores after 90 days in customers who work with the home-delivered meal CHW.
 - All three CHWs are also making strides in mobilizing partnerships. Community organizations are reporting more familiarity with ADRCs as a resource to which they can refer people.
 - The CHWs have also become important resources who can help address broad community issues that may not always be considered
 - An evaluation of the pilot will go through May 31, 2024
- Coalition to End Social Isolation and Loneliness
 - 4 Workgroups (Awareness, Measurement, Access/Detection and Policy/Advocacy) with membership of 300+ individuals
 - Updates provided for each workgroup including the link to a recently published Social and Emotional Support Data site [Social and Emotional Support Data in Wisconsin - Older Adults and People with Disabilities](#)
- Transportation
 - Transportation has been an issue elevated by this council for many years and was a council charge in the past. The Council removed this as one of its charges upon the establishment of the Department of Transportation's Non-Driver Advisory Council. Many members of this LTCAC are members of this DOT council
 - Link to the current statewide survey <https://forms.office.com/r/emx4lRRMw7>
- BH Initiative for the Deaf and hard of Hearing (DHoH) Populations
 - Initiative to improve access, quality, and outcomes of behavioral health kicked off with Wellness Day on July 23, 2022
 - Second annual BHI Wellness Day is on May 20, 2023, in Stevens Point
 - Three tracks for the initiative
 - Community. Supporting community education aimed at reducing stigma and increasing knowledge of available resources.
 - Clinicians. Training, resources and support for Deaf and hearing clinicians to increase awareness and access to culturally and linguistically appropriate services.
 - Interpreters. Training, resources for ASL interpreters focused on working in behavioral healthcare settings

Council Feedback

- Council inquired about what specific updates were made to the guardianship training
 - Too extensive to add to minutes, Carrie will reach out separately
- Council expressed concern regarding transportation in Milwaukee County, wondering if other parts of the state were experiencing similar issues

DMS Department Updates – Curtis Cunningham

- PHE Ends May 11, updates on unwinding efforts provided to council
- EVV update provided
- 60 day feedback period for Federal Medicaid Guidelines - validating FFS and Managed Care
- Governor's Budget update
- CHIP HIS update
- ARPA HCBS Update
- ARPA grants - supporting LTC services. Team is getting close to finalizing the work. Anticipate by end of the month or next month - will have results, then continued discussions on min fee
- Website launch on wiscaregivers site
 - End of June soft launch for interested caregivers - larger launch in July
- Independent living support pilot - launching in July
- Grants to tribal agencies (5 tribes) to support LTC systems
- No wrong door - still working on
- Round 2 of grants - 700 applications for \$2M. 106 scored above criteria. \$15M to give out. Grantees notified in June.
- Video shared on wiscaregivers careers

Council Feedback

- Council requested link to the Federal Medicaid Proposed Rules and how to comment
- Council expressed concern regarding IRIS participants with EVV and the relatively short window of time to become complaint. Also requested data regarding resultant disenrollments
 - Curtis said we will continue to monitor and provide the data
- Additional concerns about EVV compliance being the responsibility of the participant and not the ICA/FEA
- Council member expressed concerns in attempts to reach the EVV helpline. They have not been responsive. Also expressed concerns that this requirement will be an additional barricade to finding workers.
 - Alicia will follow up directly with EVV helpline concerns

Public Comment

- Rebecca Underwood shared concern with conditions at Central Center
- Larry Haskin expressed concern regarding the proposed acquisition of My Choice Wisconsin

Acquisition Updates – Alicia Boehme

- Presentation summarizing stakeholder feedback available at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/lcac-asset-purchase-briefing.pdf>
- Website continues to be updated with new information <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/mco-purchase.htm>

Council Feedback

- Council expressed concerns about how this will affect members and participants
 - No laws or statutes that prevent the acquisition
- Council would like to see changes to state law to create safeguards from acquisitions of companies that have won state procurements. Obtaining certification is only a portion of the procurement process.
 - These could be further conversations as part of council charges
- Council would like to see the members and participants protected
- Regarding the Wiscaregiver website video, it will be launched on the website along with a marketing campaign
 - Curtis will provide additional details as they become available. Test pilot ends in June with a hard launch in July
 - Council would like to see integration with the existing UW system as there are many pre-health undergraduate students that would be interested in training and serving in a direct care role

Discussion on Charges – Curtis Cunningham, Carrie Molke

- Presentation shared with council
 - Long Path Visioning
 - Medicaid Long Term Care
 - Health Equity
 - Workforce

Council Feedback

- Council provided detailed feedback on each of the four charges
- Notes will be incorporated into a document outlining each charge

Council Business

- Discussion regarding Medicaid Expansion Letter
 - Council voted on sending the letter to the Governor and Legislature
 - Members polled, majority in favor of sending
 - Several members requested to be cc'd on the letter in lieu of signing, one member requested additional information before making a commitment to sign
 - Request made for letter to be posted on the LTCAC website
- Council requested org charts for DMS, DPH, DQA and OS
- Lea Kitz' last meeting as she will be retiring
 - Lea was thanked for her contributions to the committee
- Council requested DHS Secretary attending the July meeting

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:38pm

Prepared by: Shelly Glenn on 5/10/2023.

These minutes are in final form. They were approved by the governmental body on: 7/11/2023