

## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Long Term Care Advisory Council (LTCAC)			Attending: Chris Witt, Cindy Bentley, Jill Jacklitz, Shanna Jensen, Stacy Ellingen, Beth Swedeen, Elsa Diaz Bautista, LaVerne Jaros, Shakita LaGrant, Michael Bruhn, Jason Glozier, Jessica Trudell, Eric Kostrzak, Joel Gouker, Mackenzie Wann, John Schnabl, Sara Muhlbauer, Jennifer Jako, Rosalie Gokee, Linda Bova, Beth Fields, Don Wigington, Mike Pochowski, Lisa Davidson, Donna Hawley, Karina Chelsky
Date: 1/9/2024	Time Started: 9:31am	Time Ended: 1:28pm	
Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting			Presiding Officer: Carrie Molke, Alicia Boehme, Christian Moran
Minutes			

**Members absent:** Stacy Ellingen, Jason Glozier, LaWanda Calhoun

**DHS Staff present:** Carrie Molke, Christian Moran, Alicia Boehme, John Grothjan, Brenda Bauer, Kevin Coughlin, Kaycee Kienast, Steve Gress, Shelly Glenn, Tessa Donaldson

### Meeting Call to Order – Carrie Molke

- The meeting was called to order at 9:31am
- Carrie provided a brief overview of the agenda and meeting
- Council introductions
  - New members introduced
  - Audrey Nelson and Audra Martine thanked for their contributions to the council
  - Current council members and DHS staff introduced
- Minutes from November meeting reviewed
  - Motion to approve by Sara Muhlbauer. Seconded by Chris Witt. Minutes approved.

### DMS Department Updates – Christian Moran

- Dana Raue provided an update on EVV
- Provider Management system is planned for a September 2024 rollout, providers will be enrolling in Medicaid through the ForwardHealth Portal
- 1-2 Bed AFH standards is open for public comment through 1/21/2024
- First Person has expanded into GSR 10 as of 1/1/2024
  - <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02029.pdf>
- Family Care/Partnership members received letter in December informing them of their right to disenroll
- IRIS SDPC participants received letter in December advising of SDPC wage increase from \$17.98 to \$18.83

### Council Feedback

- Any concerns with disruption of services due to Medicaid re-enrollment? Not aware of any, but will bring back at March meeting
- Can DHS provide more background on IRIS SDPC wage increase and history of Family Care wage increases? Will be brought back to the March meeting.

### Public Comment

- Ramsey expressed concerns over the IRIS background check policy. He also added that some people were experiencing difficulties with Covid unwinding.
- Rebecca expressed concerns regarding prioritizing HCBS over institutional care.

### **Council Discussion – Carrie Molke**

- Presentation shared with council

#### ***Council Feedback***

- Summary of council discussion: Members enjoy the makeup and diversity of the council. Appreciative of the information shared, however, not always enough time for discussion and feedback from council. DHS has provided opportunity to continue topics to next meeting, however, that disrupts the flow of the feedback and discussion. It is challenging for all to participate with such a large group. Many feel that smaller workgroups would be beneficial and productive overall. Members are seeking a way of being able to contribute more. Some indicated they would like to see one in person meeting, however, it would have to be hybrid to accommodate all. Would like to see a push form more members with lived experience. Status of council chair discussed. DHS is committed to naming a chair this year. Brief history given regarding the chair position. Many agreed that “Option 2” would facilitate more productive feedback and allow for better participation for all members.
- DHS staff will put together a proposal for the March meeting. Hoping to implement later this year. Member expressed need to move forward with change prior to that due to terms ending this year. Would like the opportunity to be more proactive and involved prior to then.

### **ARPA Updates – Carrie Molke, Christian Moran, John Grothjan, Kevin Coughlin**

- Updates provided on the following
  - Independent Living Support Pilot
  - ADRC 800 number
  - Marketing rebrand of ADRC
  - Client tracking database for ADRC
  - ADRC materials rewrite to ensure they are user-friendly
  - Certified Direct Care Professionals program presentation shared
  - ARPA Grants update including October 7-8 summit

#### ***Council Feedback***

- Is the ILSP being evaluated and are there plans to share with the legislature? Yes, it is being evaluated to demonstrate cost savings with potentially 1115 funding in mind
- Member requested a link be send to council for collecting resources
- The Certified Direct Care Professionals presentation numbers are representative of those currently in the pipeline and what stage they are at. There is a communication plan if individuals are not progressing to the next steps.
- There are quarterly reports that show a breakdown of how many employers are CBRF, AFH, etc. There is also demographic information available. There are currently 700 providers registered in Handshake.
- There is similar interest in the direct care program as the CAN program. Because the direct care is online, it will allow for larger enrollment numbers. Hopeful the program will be translated to Hmong in the fall. There is also a high school teacher referral program. The communications with IRIS participants have been very intentional and additional resources have been provided to participants. There is a marketing kit available to providers.
- There was input on the direct caregiver program received from stakeholders, advocates, council members, and direct care workers during the development of the program. DHS also participated in the 2021 CMS 8-month Workforce Collaborative. In addition, national research was done to develop curriculum.

### **DPH Department Updates – Carrie Molke**

- Updates provided on the following
  - Continued engagement in social isolation and loneliness initiative
  - State Health Plan is moving forward including discussion involving housing and other issues
  - Dementia Plan, will share updates with launch and implementation strategy in coming months. Creating space for learning collaborative
  - Continued conference planning for Aging, Disability and Independent Living. Asking for input on topics- presentations, breakout sessions <https://gwaar.org/adiln-2024>

- Federal government has updated many regulations over the last year. National programs not always written how we need them, with a county-based system. Working through those.

***Council Feedback***

- No feedback specific to DPH updates

**Wisconsin's Approved HCBS Corrective Action Plan – Kaycee Kienast**

- Presentation shown to council

***Council Feedback***

- Full presentation shown, but meeting adjourned before discussion was complete due to technical difficulties
- Question regarding prong 3 – Skilled Nursing Facilities attached to Assisted Living Facilities. How would that be handled? DQA has regulations regarding physical separation. BPP looks at practice setups such as person centered planning and community integration. Set up much be in a way that staff understands the difference in philosophies
- Have providers stated lack of compliance may be due to diminished resources, cost of compliance? It has not yet been part of the feedback. CMS found transportation as a concern, and it is a focus of DHS this year. Need to determine how that would look. Working with managed care organizations to work through this.
- Does DHS re-evaluate settings on a regular basis beyond the one-time review? Yes. There are ongoing processes of review depending on the provider type. Some are DQA, and some are DMS.

**Health Equity Charge Next Steps – KC Cullinan (deferred to March meeting)****Unified Voices Summit Continued Discussion – Amber Mullett (deferred to March meeting)****Council Business – Carrie Molke, Christian Moran (deferred to March meeting)****Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:28pm due to technical difficulties. (Zoom server outages on east coast)

Prepared by: Shelly Glenn on 1/10/2024.

These minutes are in final form. They were approval by the governmental body on: 3/12/2024