

**People with Disabilities Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2006**

Participants: (X = attended, A = absent; E = Excused) – November 8th

Members			
E	Peggie Beck	X	Scott Lay
X	Jack Benson	X	Ruth McEwen
X	Jan Campbell	X	Dayle Niemie
A	Donna Crawford	X	Karen Showers
X	Tonita Croghan	X	Mike Volpe
E	Kathryn Jenness		
Staff			
Morgen Brodie, Becky Murphy, Marc Overbeck, and Wendy Russell			
Public/Guests			
Cece Van Horn (prospective member) Tina Treasure			
Speakers			
James Toews Cathy Cooper Jeanette Burket		Deb Wert Lauren Mitchell Gene Sundet Max Brown	

Call to Order

A quorum was present at 11:35.

Agenda

Becky noted that a revised agenda was sent out yesterday afternoon; changing some of the times previously listed. No other changes were offered.

DHS/SPD Update (James Toews and Cathy Cooper, SPD)

James reported they had just finished one of the final interviews for the Licensing and Quality of Care Administrator position; the candidate is from Michigan. Ruth participated in the interview process.

2007-2009 Budget Update; Ballot Measures - None of the ballot measures passed that would have created any additional budget deficits for DHS. The proposed Governor's budget should be ready by December 1st.

Money Follows the Person Grant Update – The grant request was submitted on November 1st. The complexity of care, transition from nursing homes to community-based facilities, and significant provider issues will need to be worked on if the grant is approved.

FLTC Work Group #7.1 Update - No decisions have been made to implement an "integrated care" approach---James emphasized the group is merely looking at how would we construct an integrated approach if it were implemented. James noted that a very important part of this process is looking at consumer protections that would need to be in place. Any recommendations will be discussed with the full task force. Ruth questioned if more than just the Arizona model was being reviewed; she has a concern that this system uses is more of a medical model instead of a social one.

FLTC Work Group #8 Update – A report will be brought to the full task force on the 17th of November. The second draft will have some of the recommendations from Work Group #8 and the GCSSreport, and the plan is to be redrafted for the legislative session.

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ODC Update – James and planning group members met with Erinn Kelley-Siel and had a discussion about moving forward with the new ODC. Drafted material (strategic planning and mission included) and a letter ready to go out to those groups requested (to key commissions and councils). The plan is to have the new ODC up and running before the legislative session begins.

Review of October Minutes

MOTION: Accept the October minutes as written. Passed. (Mike Volpe/Jan Campbell) [Jack and Jan abstained.]

Follow-up Action Items from October

- Becky reported the website and press release will reflect the change in time (9:00-12:00) for the video conferencing meeting for the December meeting.
- Becky relayed information from Connie Saldana that the Public Health Emergency Manager will use the term “vulnerable populations” or “people” instead of “special”. Members expressed concerns with the term of “vulnerable persons or populations” or “special”; prefers “non-specific” or “non-standard”---something not negative.
- The Adult Day Service Program is having a rule change, moving from a volunteer registry program to a certification program. Rules are being updated and PDAC is requested for one or two representatives to attend a two hour meeting next week. Jan is interested if her schedule allows.

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- **Bylaws** – Acceptance of revised bylaws was tabled so members could review a “clean” version and more discussion on adding “physical” to PDAC’s name.

MOTION: Accept revised Bylaws with addition of adding “physical” to PDAC’s name. Passed. (Jan Campbell/Mike Volpe).

MOTION: Use the acronym PDAC throughout Bylaws instead of spelling the name out. Accept Bylaws as amended. Passed. (Mike Volpe/Jan Campbell)

Staff Updates

Advocacy Team Move – Morgen reported she had blueprints in hand---the Advocacy Unit and the Home Care Commission will be on the first floor, and the State Unit on Aging and the Medicare Modernization Act staff will be on the second floor. Staff members are still looking at cabinets, resource materials, and building space; working out final details. The plan is to be moved by early December.

Physical Disabilities Conference – Several pages of information was included in the meeting packet. Morgen reported a plan to form a Conference Planning Committee soon, with the goal to have the conference in October or November of 2007. Members did not understand the goals of the conference---several thought it sounded more like “training”.

Liaison to SPD Program Managers/Field Services – Morgen reported the possibility of Carol Mauser (or someone else) to attend PDAC meetings. This would be an opportunity to open more channels of communication. The FSS representative will attend the next Executive Committee meeting for more discussion.

Attendant Reimbursement Policy (Jeanette Burket)

The final draft of the Policy Transmittal (PT) is in the meeting packet. The PT applies to Medicaid and OPI consumers. Reimbursement is also authorized for local SACs and DSACs. Local support from AAA's will be considered. The PT is final and ready to be released. The consensus is that the policy be accepted as presented.

The reimbursement form in the meeting packet is for private pay attendants.

Reports

- **Liaisons** – Those reports submitted are in the meeting packet.
- **Subcommittees** – Scott reported the Employment Subcommittee phone meetings are now the third Tuesday of every month. Staff will send out information about these meetings.
- **O4AD** – Ruth reported the Attorney General was a keynote speaker at the Everyday Heroes Presentations. Ruth had a one-to-one discussion with the Attorney General about using certain terms and requested the use of “people with disabilities”. Ruth was impressed with the Everyday Heroes presentations to individuals and organizations who reported abuse and fraud (to seniors and people with disabilities).
- **Strategic Planning Goals Update** – No additions or changes have been made to the Goals document.

Public Input

Tina Treasure – Tina requested she be put on a list to receive any updated agendas.

CMS is proposing substantial changes to rules on power chairs; Tina will send the information (alert from NCIL) to be distributed.

Tina suggested Ruth provide the appropriate language to the Attorney General's office. Tina gave an example about the Secretary of State having changed language in rules; she will send a copy.

Transportation Overview (Deb Wert)

Deb Wert explained transportation brokerages and how DHS is exploring the idea of using the brokerages to serve individuals not receiving Medicaid-funded services, as early as 2008. One goal is to reduce duplication of services. There are seven transportation brokerages right now; Lane County will soon be the eighth. There are safety standards in place for the people who use the brokerages, including criminal records checks, vehicle safety checks on all vehicles used. All drivers received training on passenger assistance.

Brokerages coordinate the most appropriate, lowest-cost ride. Members asked for a map and contact numbers for regional transit. Deb noted these are on the DHS website.

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Deb mentioned various opportunities she saw out of a presidential Executive Order for coordination of human services transportation:

- Regulations and policies can begin to be aligned and coordinated; there are 62 different funding streams in the human service world.
- Federal Transit Authority is now required to work with public transit providers and human services and develop plans before money flows.
- A Special Transportation Fund committee now has discretionary grants for things such as transportation navigators and hosts.
- The opportunity for education of consumers on public transportation.

Becky will send out contact information to members as requested.

Shelter Exception Policy (Lauren Mitchell and Gene Sundet)

Lauren and Gene reported that the Shelter Exception is now called "Accommodation Allowance." DHS began three years ago to consider changes to simplify the policy and is working now to finalize changes.

The rule goes into effect on 1/01/07; the public hearing process is currently underway, with a hearing scheduled for 11/22/06. Comments can be submitted until 12/04/06. PDAC will consider what if anything it would like to do in terms of recommendations on this policy.

Medicare Modernization Act Update (Max Brown)

Max explained the handouts he provided. He announced there will be changes in prices and in “zero dollar” premium plans for Low-Income Subsidy eligible individuals. He and others have held staff trainings throughout the state to help people understand the changes.

There was a problem helping get Low-Income Subsidy eligibility for QMB and SLMB eligible individuals. Max and his staff are working to resolve this. Also, LIS-eligibles have been having problems disenrolling from Medicare Part D when they have other insurance, and they have been working with CMS to resolve this as well.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

The December 13th meeting is another video conferencing meeting.

Suggested items/speakers:

- Appointments to ODC and the Governor’s Budget update to be talked about in the SPD updates.
- December 6th legislative and advocacy training, which is being planned by the Advocacy Unit. Marc will send out an email about this training.
- A list of possible speakers to invite if and when their schedule allows.

Adjourned (2:27 p.m.)