SB 21 Steering Committee

Thursday • December 12, 2013 • 1:00 P.M – 5:00 P.M.
4760 Portland Rd NE • Salem, OR 97305 • Mt. Hood Room

Members Present
Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson (phone)
Sen. Jeff Kruse
Rep. Nancy Nathanson (phone)
Rep. John Davis (Megan Chuinard)
Jim Carlson
Jerry Cohen
Rodney Schroeder (Peggy Brey)
Tina Treasure
Michael Volpe (phone)
Jim Davis
Joseph Lowe
Mary Jaeger
Ann Bellegia
Nancy Pierce (phone)
Daniel Torrence
Dr. Margaret Neal
Ruth Gulyas
Megan Moyer

Guests
Ruth McEwen
Nicole Palmateer
Walt Dawson
Kellie Harrold
Jim Carbone
Rick Bennett
Jessica Soltesz

Staff Present
Mike McCormick - Facilitator
Bob Weir
Naomi Sacks
Max Brown
Daniel Amos
Jeannette Hulse
Gina Mason
Ann Mcqueen
Chris Sanchez
Theresa Powell
Cynthia Vargo
Jill Gray
Nelsa Brodie
Nakeshia Knight-Coyle

**Introductions - Mike McCormick**
Mike opened the meeting and each member introduced themselves, including committee members on conference lines. Mike requested approval of the previous meeting minutes, and the Committee approved them.

**Message from the Director**
Erinn Kelley-Siel greeted the Steering Committee and offered words of encouragement.

- Conversation about growth rates in long term services and supports (LTSS), housing issues, employment for people with disabilities and economic development as it relates to human service needs.
- The work of this Steering Committee is reflective of pro-active, rather than re-active thinking of future policy planning – perhaps 10 to 15 years in the future. Of course, there is ample space for planning on addressing needs that are current, too.
- Significant dynamic is the issue of resources among many in the 55 and over population: with the recent recession, a portion of this group is current living off their resources, and more likely to need public assistance as they age compared to the previous generation.
- Discussion exploring new housing options, support for caregivers, and community design that is inclusive of older adults and people with disabilities.

**Personal Story**
Jessica Soltesz, District Manager for Aging and People with Disabilities (APD), Washington and Columbia Counties, told the story of a consumer who struggles within the structure of APD’s system.

- The consumer’s narrative illustrates caregivers that are not equipped to deal with the tie-in of mental health and physical health needs leads to frequent staff turnover and distrust from the consumer.
- Even something as routine as a reassessment triggers adverse responses in the consumer, making it even more difficult for this individual to access services.
- Emphasized the importance in proper training for staff/caregivers as professionals that can manage a wide variety of deep sourced needs.

**Previous Long Term Service and Supports Planning**

The Steering Committee turned to a presentation and discussion on previous reports planning for the future of LTSS. Advocacy and Development staff presented on the four previous reports:

- **Max Brown - Recommendations on the Future of Long Term Care in Oregon, 2007**
  - Report on healthy living
  - Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) infrastructure development since this report was a positive change
  - What is livable community in different areas?
  - Portland's model of land use plan action steps moving forward
  - More progress happened in areas that are (were) specific and actionable and time bound
  - Need to prioritize and identify who will execute (what resources you have).

- **Jeannette Hulse - A Plan for Comprehensive Services, 2008**
  - Areas from this report are similar to what we are looking at/working on now.
  - A targeted timeline is needed to continue implementation – many of these goals are ongoing activities, but more specific, actionable goals would benefit future planning efforts.

- **Cynthia Vargo - House Bill 5030 Budget Note Report, 2011-2012**
  - A blend of services with coordination for those eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, those eligible for Medicare, Medicaid, and for LTSS as well.
- Extensive discussion of prevention and early intervention, including health, social/environmental, and financial risks to eventually needing Medicaid-funded LTSS.

- Theresa Powell - Listening and Visioning Project, 2012
  - Consumers had trouble maneuvering through the system.
  - Education on home and community-based services (HCBS) was a focus of this work.
  - Transportation services are tantamount, especially if not exclusively in rural areas.

**Question:** What is an example of a thing that has changed?
- The ADRC infrastructure is one positive development – building it to be a statewide resource.

**Question:** What is intractable?
- Long Term Care insurance is broken.

**Question:** What is going unsaid?
- How to support family caregivers.

**Discussion**
- Recognition of the tension between waiting for data and the committee's desire to work on bigger items.
- What are the larger things that we haven't looked at? What are some examples of an elephant in the room?
  - Long term care insurance is not practical for the general population.
  - Emphasis placed on the need for data on cost drivers and service triggers.
  - Concepts of what retirement means have shifted away from the "rocking chair" idea – from a liability perspective to the asset perspective.
  - Do you have a disabilities plan? - Questions need to be raised early with the pre-retiree and working age population.
  - Incentivizing work for people with disabilities.
  - Difficulties that surround finding reliable services that can refer people to services.
- Desire to wait for data expressed. This would allow for evaluation of stakeholders need to tackle the chosen topics by the committee.

**Next Steps**
- Additional subcommittees should be formed. Three were identified:
  - Caregiver Supports/Quality of LTSS
Equity

Livable Communities

- Given the scope of Livable Communities, the Steering Committee agreed to put that idea on hold. However, there was agreement to start the Caregiver and Service Equity subcommittees. Staff will work with Meghan Moyer and Anne Bellegia on the Caregiver subcommittee, and Dan Torrence and Jim Davis would start work with staff on the Service Equity subcommittee.

Public Comment

- Strong support for General Assistance was expressed in any planning effort for the future of Oregon; services and supports.
- There was strong support on the need for a focus on younger people with disabilities in these planning efforts such as SB 21. The state of Washington has data on people with disabilities and Oregon may benefit from this work.

Adjournment

3:50 PM