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# Long-Term Care Planning Committee

## December 11, 2018

### Meeting Minutes

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**Members Present:** David Guttchen, Office of Policy and Management (OPM); Kathy Bruni, Department of Social Services (DSS); Kelly Kendall, Department of Developmental Services (DDS); Erin Leavitt-Smith, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS); Donna Oretlle, Department of Public Health (DPH); Amy Porter, Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS); Jessica Rival, Office of Health Strategy (OHS); Michael Santoro, Department of Housing (DOH)

**Others Present:** Melissa Morton, (OPM)

#### Review and Approval of Minutes

David Guttchen called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

D. Guttchen requested a motion to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2018 Planning Committee meeting. A motion was presented by Michael Santoro, seconded by Amy Porter and passed unanimously by the Committee members.

#### Updates and Announcements

**Erin Leavitt-Smith** announced that DORS and DMHAS are co-hosting a full-day, free conference at Masonicare in Wallingford on March 22, 2019, on the integration of mental and physical health. Speakers from well-known universities will present and CEUs will be offered. The goal is to activate regional teams across the State to engage in strategic planning around how to best serve individuals with mental and physical health needs. D. Guttchen offered to e-mail the flyer to the Planning Committee distribution list once it is finalized.

**Commissioner Amy Porter** informed Committee members that the legislature has an interest in changing the name of the Department of Rehabilitation Services now that it also includes the State Unit on Aging (SUA) and services beyond rehabilitation for individuals with disabilities. The goal is to develop a name that encompasses the mission of the Department to maximize opportunities in the community for older adults and people with disabilities. The new Department name also needs to make the agency easy for people to find and fit into the State agency acronym rubric. The Commissioner requested that Committee members submit feedback on how DORS is known in the community and suggested names for the restructured Department directly to her.

#### 2019 -2021 Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Plan Draft Review

D. Guttchen discussed the development of the next three-year LTSS Plan. He thanked Committee and Long-Term Care Advisory Council members who submitted recommendations and comments for the new plan. He noted that this is the last opportunity for review and comment and reminded members that they have seen multiple drafts of the recommendations. D. Guttchen requested that any additional comments be sent to Melissa Morton by no later than close of business Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> so that the report can be submitted by the January 1<sup>st</sup> statutory deadline.

Melissa Morton requested that individual State agencies review all information in the Plan that relates to their department. She also noted that the Executive Summary of the plan has been substantially revised and requested that agencies carefully review that section.

**Long-Term Care Advisory Council Comments**

No formal comments were provided on behalf of the Council. Deborah Hoyt informed the Committee that the LTC Advisory Council has not met in three months. However, members Christy Kovel, Andrei Brel, and Deborah Hoyt noted that they, along with Mag Morelli of Leading Age submitted recommendations for the 2019 LTSS Plan. D. Guttchen confirmed that these comments were received and incorporated into the plan. He thanked members for their helpful feedback and stressed the role of the Advisory Council in obtaining private sector comment on the LTSS Plan.

**Other Business**

None

**Meeting Schedule for 2018**

Tues., June 11<sup>th</sup> -- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM -- Room 1A – LOB

Tues., September 10<sup>th</sup> -- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM -- Room 1A – LOB

Tues., December 10<sup>th</sup> -- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM -- Room 1A – LOB

**Adjournment**

D. Guttchen requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was presented by Michael Santoro, seconded by Donna Ortelle and passed unanimously by the Committee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 AM.