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## Long-Term Care Planning Committee

### December 9, 2014

### Meeting Minutes

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**Members Present:** David Guttchen, Office of Policy and Management (OPM); Kathy Bruni, Department of Social Services (DSS); Jenifer Glick (Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS); Beth Leslie, Office of Protection and Advocacy (OP&A); Margy Gerundo-Murkette, State Department on Aging (SDA); Donna Ortelle, Department of Public Health (DPH); Amy Porter, Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS); Michael Santoro, Department of Housing (DOH)

**Others Present:** Dawn Lambert, DSS; Paul Ford, DSS; Deanna Clark, DSS; Karri Filek, DSS; Karen Law, DSS; Tamara Lopez, DSS; Dane Lustila, DSS; Mairead Painter, DSS; Christine Weston, DSS; Deborah Mignault, Commission on Aging (COA); Barbara Parks Wolf, OPM

#### **Review and Approval of Minutes**

David Guttchen called the meeting to order at 10:14 AM.

D. Guttchen requested a motion to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2014 Planning Committee meeting. A motion was presented, seconded and passed unanimously by the Committee members.

D. Guttchen reported that Barbara Parks Wolf is retiring from State service on February 1, 2015. He acknowledged the tremendous contribution Barbara has made to the Planning Committee and her high quality of work, in particular the development of the Committee's three-year plans. D. Guttchen thanked Barbara for all of her efforts on behalf of the Planning Committee and those in need of long-term care services and supports and noted that she will be sorely missed. D. Guttchen's comments were echoed by the Planning Committee members present at the meeting and members of the audience.

#### **Updates and Announcements**

***Rebalancing Ratio for SFY 2014:*** Barbara Parks Wolf reported on the rebalancing ratio for State Fiscal Year 2014 (see handout). Of the individuals receiving Medicaid long-term care services in SFY 2014, 59 percent were served in the community and 41 percent received care in an institution. This represents a one percent increase in the proportion of individuals on Medicaid receiving long-term care services in the community over the previous year. With regard to long-term care expenditures for individuals enrolled in Medicaid, 45 percent were for services provided in the community and 55 percent were for institutional care. This represents a 2% shift from SFY 2013. D. Guttchen noted that expenditures for Medicaid Long-Term Services and Supports decreased in 2014 for the first time since this committee has been tracking this data.

**Process for the 2016 Long-Term Services and Supports Plan:** D. Guttchen talked about the development of the next three-year Plan. Discussions have already begun with the Long-Term Care Advisory Council regarding the Plan process and how best to approach it this time. The Planning Committee and Advisory Council members will be asked to provide input into the Plan recommendations this Spring. It is likely that the criteria for recommendations will be the same as they were for the last Plan in an attempt to develop a focused list of recommendations that can be acted upon by the legislature and State agencies.

**Office of Protection and Advocacy (OP&A):** Beth Leslie announced that OP&A has a new Executive Director – Craig Henrici, a former mayor of Hamden and State Representative.

**Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Medicaid Waiver:** Kathy Bruni announced that the second ABI Waiver has been approved and enrollment has begun.

**Processing of Medicaid Waivers:** K. Bruni also informed the group that as of January 5, 2015, the DSS Hartford Office will be the State hub for processing Medicaid waiver applications. The intent of this change is to increase effectiveness and enhance new opportunities to implement best practices.

**State Plan on Aging:** Margy Gerundo-Murkette informed the group that the three-year State Plan on Aging has been approved by the federal Administration on Community Living and went into effect this past October.

### **Presentation: Update on “Money Follows the Person” Activities**

A team from the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Program at DSS, led by MFP Program Director Dawn Lambert, provided an update on current activities and initiatives (see handout).

Paul Ford provided an update on TEFT (Testing Experience and Functional Tools). DSS is contracting with the UConn Center on Aging and the Biomedical Informatics Center at CT Institute for Clinical and Translational Science. The purpose is to field test survey and assessment measures and to demonstrate use of personal health records for long-term services and supports.

Karen Law and Tamara Lopez provided an update on the federal Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) to increase access to non-institutional services and supports. Components are a no wrong door/ single entry point system, conflict free case management services, and a core standardized assessment instrument.

Mairead Painter provided an update on the nursing home diversification grants.

Christine Weston provided an update on the Community First Choice initiative, an optional Medicaid State Plan program created under the Affordable Care Act allowing states to implement a new Medicaid entitlement for person care.

Karri Filek provided an update on the MFP presumptive eligibility pilot program.

Deanna Clark provided an update on MFP demonstration services – peer support, informal caregiver’s support and addiction services and supports.

Dane Lustila provided an update on the administrative reorganization within the MFP program.

**Long-Term Care Advisory Council Comments**

Deborah Mignault of the Commission on Aging provided an update on Advisory Council activities. The Advisory Council meeting schedule has changed to every other month. Currently, the group is looking at legislative priorities for the coming legislative session. There is considerable interest in the pending provider rate report expected from DSS. A subcommittee of the Advisory Council is being formed to advise on the development of the next Long-Term Services and Supports Plan.

**Other Business**

No other business was raised.

**Meeting Schedule for 2014**

Tues., June 9<sup>th</sup> -- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM -- Room 1A - LOB

Tues., September 15<sup>th</sup> -- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM -- Room 1A - LOB

Tues., December 8<sup>th</sup> -- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM -- Room 1A - LOB

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.