



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Nursing Home Conversion Work Group

Date: July 18, 2005

Attending: Matt Hartman, Sandy Litwiller, Scott Musser, Lester Robertson, and Terry Sullivan

I. Review of outstanding work previously obligated to by the group:

- Enrique Unanue, at 6-6-2005 meeting was to make outreach to a member of the Il. Health Facilities Planning Board. *Lester will do follow-up to ensure that this task is completed.*
- IHCA was to compile a list of needed information from the Inventory, per the outcome of group discussion 6-6-05, to present to Molly Spengler. *Matt has put together the initial list, IHCA will forward the request.*
- Pat offered to forward to John Lavin's Point Of Entry Committee the issue of CCU's and Pass Agents completing a full assessment of MI/primary diagnosis issues. (E.g. when someone with schizophrenia is admitted into a facility for rehab for a broken hip, they are admitted as needing physical therapy and the prior MI diagnosis is not taken into consideration as part of their care plan. The group consensus was that there is a need for a standardized tool with full assessment to facilitate proper care/conditions for these residents.) *Matt will follow up with Pa to assure completion.*
- Terry Sullivan was to make outreach to a staffer at the Dept. of Public Aid to satisfy requirements of the Act. *Terry reports that he has started to make overtures to a particular staffer and will have them on board when they are needed.*

Reporting on completion of tasks to the group was agreed to. Matt volunteered to serve as the record keeper/secretary for the group and do follow through work to assure that various member tasks are completed.

II. Per instruction from the committee chair, the previously agreed to objectives of the task group were examined. The purpose of the exercise was to delegate members of the group as being responsible for the individual objectives, resources for completion of the various projects, and a timeline for completion. Duties were assigned as follows:

- Objective 1: Identification and amendment of Administrative barriers to conversion that are contained in rules.

- Responsibility: IL LTC Council/Terry offered to draft the new regulations. The intent of the project is to draft simple rules focusing only on conversion. Barriers would be addressed as they arose in response to the conversion process
- Resources: IL LTC Council
- Timeline: ???
- Objective 2: Identification of needed waivers to eliminate barriers to conversion.
 - ILTCC/Terry will take lead.
- Objective 3: Identification of financial incentive for NHs to convert. This was viewed as a brainstorming session for the group rather than an assignment of responsibilities. Main identified goals/possibilities follow:
 - 1: Medicaid rate adjustment/ downsizing agreement.
 - 2: Conversion grants to make conversion worthwhile
 - 3: Low interest rate loans or State supported bond program
 - 4: State rental of facility space for outreach programs/ point of entry.
- Objective 4: Knowledge maintenance RE: Real Choice Systems Change Grant.
 - Securing member of IL Health Fac. Planning Board to serve on committee. This is the responsibility of Lester/Enrique U.
- Objective 5: Protection of funding. Three key ideas forwarded by the group.
 - Placement into a dedicated/ protected fund.
 - Bonding program
 - Tax increase.
 - The consensus is that these are all ideas to be explored through legislative initiatives. To be handled by the sub-committee as a whole and the attendant lobbying groups that serve on the committee.

III. Items needing further consideration/work/carried over from previous meetings etc.

- *The possibility of expanding eligibility for conversion grants to those facilities that would become compliant through converting was posed. What is possibility? 4-18-2005*