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Long Term Care Advisory Committee
Workgroup 3 Building Infrastructure
Via Teleconference
Friday October 10, 2008
10:30 AM – 12 Noon

Members Present: Henry Claypool, Todd Coffey, Julie Reiskin, Barry Rosenberg, Lori Woods, Barbara Prehmus

Members Absent or:
Excused Pat Tunnell

1. Call to Order: Teleconference convened at 10:30 A.M.
2. The meeting's assignment: Review assignment to and priorities of previous LTC report recommendations.
3. Colorado's Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) grant status: Todd Coffey, Aging and Adult Services, DHS of Human Services joined the workgroup. Todd is the senior state level staff person overseeing implementation of Colorado's ADRC grant: Adult Resources for Care and Help (ARCH). Colorado is requesting a no-cost extension to allow use of awarded grant funds through September, 2009. The funding is combined from both CMS and the federal Administration on Aging; Colorado still has about \$200,000 to grant out for this coming year. Colorado currently contracts with Larimer and Mesa counties, and is working with adding Pueblo. Although there is limited funding, Todd expects the ARCH to spread to other counties because both the Mesa and Pueblo approaches use the "211" system. The Pueblo area "211" covers virtually the entire south east quadrant of the state; Mesa's "211" similarly covers a multi-county region. Todd noted the likelihood of expanding to Colorado Springs, Park and Teller Counties. Todd also provided an update on the Hospital Discharge Planning grant that incorporated an ADRC expansion component. Colorado's grant submission was not selected for award, in part due to other applicant states having a better infrastructure to build upon.

The members had question about the extent to which the ARCH program has involved persons with disabilities. Although Todd confirmed that persons with disabilities are very much involved in the local planning teams and advisory councils in Larimer, there is some question about the extent of participation in Mesa and Pueblo, and at the state level. Mesa's kickoff six months ago included persons with disabilities. While there is a

requirement that every council have representation from both the disability and elderly communities, the challenge is in identifying and reaching out to those communities.

Henry Claypool asked if there was any way to take advantage of organizations like CCDC, in addition to the Independent Living Centers. Julie Reiskin shared contact information with Todd for the CCDC representative in Pueblo. Further discussion focused on the state level ARCH planning and advisory councils. The next ARCH meeting is scheduled for Monday October 20, 2008 at 3 P.M. at Fort Logan. Julie commented that public transportation to Fort Logan is very difficult and takes a considerable amount of time. Henry offered to chat with Todd directly about strategies expand outreach to the disability community. Henry and Todd also agreed to speak further about the potential of funding from the Colorado Health Foundation for ARCH planning activities.

4. Previous LTC Reports' recommendations assignment and prioritization: The members spent the remainder of the meeting discussing previous report recommendations, confirming that the ones assigned to *Workgroup 3 Building Infrastructure* are appropriate. There was agreement that to the extent those previous recommendations included elements relevant to eligibility that those elements should be assigned to *Workgroup 4 Eligibility Reform*. Barbara Prehmus confirmed that has been done. The workgroup members discussed aspects and merits of the recommendations did not prioritize them. Due to time constraints Barbara offered to group the recommendations to be emailed to members with the task that members then set their prioritization.
5. The following represents that grouping attempt:
"ADRC" or ARCH initiatives: a) provide comprehensive training to hospital discharge planners (SB 05-173 # 3.2); b) develop a comprehensive communication plan for accurate, timely, consistent and comprehensive LTC information (HB 07-1374 #4), c) develop and implement a timely information and counseling program for individuals needing access to LTC services (Auerbach), d) Research and implement a consumer satisfaction instrument which is effective and affordable (Auerbach)
Reimbursement reforms: a) provide financial incentives to skilled nursing facilities to develop alternative uses of licensed beds that promote a "least restrictive" home-like environment (SB 05-173 #1.3), b) rate-setting and financing reforms should be instituted to achieve equity in reimbursement based on the scope of services provided in each care setting (SB 05-173 #3.4)
State oversight and accountability: a) ensure accountability for state level oversight and leadership (SB05-173 #4.2), b) initiate a process to evaluate and revise the SEP system as needed (Auerbach), c) develop and

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implement a process to monitor the quality of SEP and CCB services (Auerbach).

Program Cost-Benefit/Coordination: a) clarify eligibility for the Colorado Home Care Allowance (HCA) program (SB 05-173 #1.7)

Enhance advocacy efforts on behalf of LTC consumers (HB 07-1374 #5)

6. Follow Up Assignments: Lori Woods will consolidate some hospital discharge training “best practices” from among SEPs to provide for the group members to discuss. Julie Reiskin will email her comments and notes from the ILC survey she conducted earlier this year. Todd Coffey will provide contact information for the state oversight staff for ILCs (completed). Barbara Prehmus will contact SILC to determine Colorado ILCs’ responsibility and capacity for providing information and referral to assist with community transition.
7. Next Meeting: To be determined. Full LTC Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 10-29-08 from 1 – 4 PM. Location is First Floor Conference Room, 225 E. 16th Street, Denver 80203.
8. Meeting Adjourned at 12:08 PM.

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