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Long Term Care Advisory Committee

225 E. 16th Street, Denver – 1st Floor Conference Room

Wednesday July 30, 2008

1 PM – 4 PM

Members Present: Dr. Irene Aguilar, Carol Bouchard, Henry Claypool, Jo Donlin, Julie Farrar, Jeanette Hensley, Laura Hershey, Maureen Hewitt, Chandra Hinton, Beverly Hirsekorn, Kenneth Hoagland, Keith Larsen, Ruth Long, April Martinez, Lynn O'Connor, Sharon O'Hara, Ramona Proctor, Julie Reiskin, Barry Rosenberg, Pat Tunnell, Marie Valenzuela, Dr. Michael Wasserman, Lori Woods, John Zabawa. Ms. Martinez participated via telephone conference.

Members Excused: Howard Roitman, Doug Selbee

Staff Present: Barbara Prehmus, Long Term Benefits Division Director;
Sandy Seaholm, Program Assistant.

1. Call to Order: Barbara Prehmus called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.
2. Co-Chair Announcement: Barbara Prehmus gave a brief update on the status of the Department's efforts to standardize its committee and advisory group processes, which includes that all advisory committees are to have Department staff co-chair with a committee member. Laura Hershey has been selected to co-chair the LTC Advisory Committee.
3. Review of Brainstorming: A brief overview was presented of the results from the Advisory Committee's brainstorming at the April meeting.
 - a) Identification of topic areas: Four major topic areas were identified as a result of the brainstorming: integrated/coordinated care; building capacity; building infrastructure; and eligibility reform.
 - b) Workgroups: The charge of each workgroup is to focus on the topic, identify any needed data or information, to develop specific recommendations, and to develop strategies and workplans to implement the recommendations. The expectation is that the workgroups will meet monthly, mostly via teleconference to facilitate participation. Three of the workgroups have had a first meeting; the initial meeting of the eligibility reform meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2008.
 - c) Workgroup membership: Primary membership of each workgroup is from among the LTC Advisory Committee membership. However, as the workgroups begin their work it is anticipated that additional perspectives

not already represented will be identified and invited to join.

4. LTC Advisory Committee Mission: Members asked for clarification of the committee's mission and for what the Department needs the committee to do. Barbara Prehmus clarified that the Department wants a place where the majority of long-term care issues that affect programs are raised, voiced and taken into consideration. The LTC Advisory Committee is intended to be the lead advisory body on long-term care policy and implementation with the committee responsible for giving advice and making recommendations upon which the Department will act. After additional discussion about the challenges associated with crafting a single statement, Lynn O'Connor suggested a longer statement that reflects the value statements made at the April meeting. Members agreed that made sense. The LTC Advisory Committee's mission statement can be found with all the committee information at:
<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/HCPF/HCPF/1218449696530>
5. Participation by CMS: Members expressed an interest in having representation from the Denver Regional Office of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to share their perspective. Several members agreed that CMS' presence would be valuable but stated they did not believe it likely that CMS would agree to attend on a regular basis. A concern was voiced that having CMS as part of the discussions might constraint options being considered. Barbara Prehmus agreed to ask CMS if they would consider participating, understanding that a change in national administration might bring about a change in willingness in January.
6. Consideration of Previous LTC Report Recommendations: Committee members asked for clarification on how this advisory committee will consider the work completed by other initiatives focused on long-term care, specifically Senate Bill 05-173, House Bill 07-1374 and the reports from Auerbach, Inc. performed under contract for the Department. Members expressed concern that we not waste the valuable contributions made previously. Barbara Prehmus agreed to provide an internet link to the previous reports. Committee members are encouraged to review the reports and their recommendations to make sure they are appropriately assigned to one of the workgroups. Additional questions were posed about the extent to which the Department is pursuing these previous recommendations. Barbara Prehmus responded that the vehicle for considering the previous recommendations will be the four identified topic workgroups. Any recommendations that do not fit with one of the four areas should be discussed and a decision made about whether they need to be prioritized. A caution was expressed that there is a great deal of work to be accomplished so members will need to be realistic about

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priority setting.

7. Building Capacity Report: Marie Valenzuela, Department of Labor and Employment provided a powerpoint report on Colorado workforce data relevant to health care. Barbara Prehmus also provided data on long-term care clients, providers and consumer direction. Both reports are posted on the Department website at:
<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/HCPF/HCPF/1218449696530>

Members asked clarifying questions about the report content and expressed interest in having greater detail available. A specific request was made to provide similar provider capacity and workforce information for services provided to persons with developmental disability. Jeanette Hensley, Department of Human Services noted that older adults are an increasing proportion of the population and demand for services is increasing. Workgroup members spoke to the need to balance getting more data to better understand the issues and therefore craft better recommendations and strategies versus getting bogged down in pursuing data for its own sake.

8. Building Infrastructure Report: Julie Reiskin provided a verbal report on barriers to transition from institutional placements to community based care. The members had a great deal of comment on the importance of housing in affording clients the ability to receive community based services. Although accessibility is an issue, affordability is more of a concern. Additional issues were potential landlord concerns regarding credit history, prior criminal conviction, and heightened awareness of bedbug infestation. Also a challenge is finding a primary care physician in the community for long term clients, many of whom may be dually eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare.
9. Housing: Access to affordable housing is very much a relevant issue for individuals' ability to receive services in the community. Barbara Prehmus expressed concern that this is a broadly overarching issue that may require innovation and perseverance to develop strategies. Members of the committee confirmed a willingness to work on the issue.
10. Colorado Regional Integrated Care Collaborative (CRICC): Christy Hunter of the Department's Quality Improvement section provided a powerpoint presentation on CRICC. A copy of the presentation is available on the Department's website at:
<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/HCPF/HCPF/1218449696530>.
11. Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 29, 2008 from 1 – 4 PM. The meeting will be held in the 1st Floor Conference Room, 225 E.

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16th Street, Denver, 80203. Participation is available via teleconference.

12. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.

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