



Meeting Notes

Community Living Advisory Group

Monday, October 22, 2012

1 pm - 4 pm

History Colorado Center -Mountain View Room, 4th Floor
1200 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Senator Betty Boyd	X	
Representative Cheri Gerou	X	
Joscelyn Gay	X	
George DelGrosso	X	
Jayla Sanchez Warren		E
Melody Wright	X (rep by Sean Reed)	
Don Rosier	X (rep by Lynnae Flora)	
Sam Murillo	X	
Shelley Hitt	X	
Liz Fuselier	X	
Senator Ellen Roberts		E
Representative Claire Levy		E
Patrick Coyle	X	
Vivian Stovall	X	
David Ervin	X	
Barry Martin	X	
Julie Reiskin	X	
Marijo Rymer	X	
Linda Worrell	X	
Carol Meredith	X	
Senator Irene Aguilar	X	
Suzanne Brennan	X	
Nancy McDonald	X	
Guy Dutra-Silveira	X	
Mark Emery	X	
Jack Hilbert	X (rep by Barbara Drake)	
Jose Torres	X	
Chris Herron	phone	
Jean Hammes	X	
Gavin Attwood	X	
Grant Jackson	phone	
Ian Engle	X	
Jeff W. Pryor – Pathfinder Solutions	X	

I. Welcome & Introductions

Senator Betty Boyd

The Senator welcomed everyone. She announced that, due to the membership discussion in the last meeting, 3 people have been added to the Advisory Group. Two have been confirmed: Ian Engle from Independent Living Centers, and Grant Jackson, representing Single Entry Points. The third potential member, who is not confirmed yet, is involved with Volunteers of America with interest in nursing homes. Senator Boyd reminded everyone that each individual's representation is not only of those within their niche, but people related to that niche as well.

Question for introductions: The Senator asked the group to introduce themselves and respond to the following question: What do you hope to get out of this process?

Themes that emerged in the responses include:

- ability of consumers to work and give back
- more seamless service delivery for people in need and policies
- collaborative work with each other and the Long Term Care Advisory Committee
- more efficiency
- consistency of quality care
- expanding services to community members
- stakeholders from every perspective learn from each other
- understand housing needs
- clear vision of services and support for all senior citizens
- continue making advances in LTSS
- create sustainable changes for family members
- people can get the supports to have quality of life
- county involvement
- services and supports be less medically oriented and more about life in general
- increased provider competition to improve consumer choice
- encourage hope and inspire confidence in the future
- use tools available to move us into the future
- re-engage and empower families to participate
- participant-directed, person-directed, adaptive system
- no trouble when going to legislators and the public to ask for public support for the system
- recommendations and also active work on LTSS

II. Introduction of Pathfinder Solutions

Lorez Meinhold introduced Jeff Pryor from Pathfinder Solutions, who will facilitate this effort. Jeff Pryor introduced himself and his job in this effort, which is to serve as the person who helps in the communication of the group. Jeff expressed his hope that this group is successful in all of the goals expressed, and that together we will make Colorado a leader in long-term services and supports.

III. LTSS system and LTC Data Book

Joscelyn Gay presented the document titled "LTSS Services and Supports" to provide a foundation to start the work of this group. She asked the group, "How do services for seniors fit into the work of this group?" There is a fair amount of consensus that services to seniors is going to be as important as services to people after surgery or people with disabilities. One of the goals of this effort is to keep people in their homes as long as possible if that is what they want to do. The group noted that the slide does not include any Behavioral Health Organizations (BHOs) or Managed Service Organizations (MSOs). Also, there was some question about counties being listed as a provider in this slide. Several individuals felt that remapping this slide would be useful, as well as a discussion of how each box interacts with social services and medical services. A similar slide remapped from a consumer perspective would be useful. Joscelyn encouraged the possibility of creating some work groups to reformat this diagram and really show the complexity and relationships in the system. The group also noted that delivery of state plan benefits, PACE, and RCCOs are missing.

The group discussed the waiting list numbers for HCBS waivers. The group expressed the need for more specific numbers that illustrate the true picture better than these numbers do. Joscelyn reminded the group that there is a subcommittee of the Long Term Advisory Council that is working specifically on streamlining these waivers. This group needs to know the true demand on Colorado's resources before it can determine the best way to provide the services. Also, these slides and numbers do not describe the costs and quality of these services. We need to know costs and quality so that we know how to make appropriate decisions in the face of limited funds.

Joscelyn introduced the HCPF Data Book (handout) on the cost per person for different benefits. This is a document for everyone to study; people should send questions and comments directly to John Barry at john.r.barry@colorado.state.us.

Joscelyn presented the HCBS Waiver charts (handouts) that describe the details of each of the waivers.

IV. Public Comment

Tim Cortez from HCPF noted that it would be good to have this same kind of presentation for aging services and to incorporate community living, housing, vocational rehabilitation services.

Lorez Meinhold said that it is possible for us to look into the detail of each waiver, but we need to make sure that this group understands the complexity inherent in our system now and discusses the bigger picture and how to guide the process.

V. Break

VI. Background of the Office of Community Living

Lorez Meinhold reminded that the Advisory group was created by a Governor's Executive Order. She referred to the "Community Living Overview" handout that described what the Executive Order mandates of the Advisory Group.

The strategic vision of the Office of Community Living is to improve outcomes, recognize limited resources, break down silos and promote person-centered care.

The strategy for addressing this vision is through the Community Living Advisory Group, which sets the larger vision for the Long Term Care Advisory Committee, which coordinates work groups in four areas.

VII. Role of the Community Living Advisory Group and working with other groups

Shelley Hitt described the role and work of the Long Term Care Advisory Committee (LTCAC). This group has been around for many years as an advisory group to HCPF. Eighteen months ago the group was reinvigorated and conducted a strategic planning process. Through this, 4 subcommittees were formed. The LTCAC and its subcommittees meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month. The LTCAC has been referred to as the operational portion of this continuum of change. The hope is that the Community Living Advisory Group will trust the work of the LTCAC and use it to move forward. The LTCAC is also the steering committee for Community Choice Transitions, Colorado's Money Follows the Person initiative.

Marijo Rymer presented information about the Waiver Modernization subcommittee of the LTCAC. The purpose of this subcommittee is not necessarily to reduce the number of waivers, but to expand the array of services and supports for people in Colorado through waiver simplification, and also to recommend how to improve assessments within each waiver. Marijo described the approach the subcommittee is taking and said that the subcommittee wants to make sure that the waivers address what consumers want in their lives. In order to create person-centered services, we have to look at things in a different way. The subcommittee will take their recommendations to the LTCAC, which will bring them to this Advisory Group.

Joscelyn reiterated that the subcommittee will be doing the work on the details, and that this Advisory Group should focus on the larger picture - the policy, budgetary issues, etc.

VI. Fast-Paced Planning Process

Jeff Pryor recommended that we hold off on this planning process until we have a full hour or more to address it. The Fast-Paced Planning Process involves working in subgroups to identify critical areas and set priorities. This process will help align this Advisory Group and the LTCAC.

There was considerable discussion around bringing more clarity to the charge of this group, and what the purpose of this group is. Jeff reiterated that the Fast-Paced Planning Process is designed to have the group identify that purpose and the next steps toward that purpose. He will send out the questions involved with the Planning Process for people to look at before the next meeting.

VIII. Announcements/Other Business

The next LTCAC meeting is November 8, at Mi Casa Resource Center, for anyone who would like to attend.

The Community Living Advisory Group December meeting is currently set for December 24. Jeff Pryor proposed to change the date to December 17. John will send out a Doodle poll to determine the best December meeting date.

Shelley Hitt: Advisory group members can go to the [LTCAC website](#) to get detailed information about the work of the LTCAC and its subcommittees.

IX. Public Comment

Julie Farrar: Julie just returned from the National Academy on State Health Policy. We should be proud in Colorado for how far along we already are, as we do offer choices. And now choices need to be available regardless of disability, age, and socioeconomic status. We also need to think more creatively and let go of our traditional approach of protecting specific interests around the table.

X. Evaluation

Several comments stated that today's discussion around the purpose of this group and planning process was very important, and came to a good end.

Question: Where can we learn more about the Fast-Paced Planning Process. Jeff Pryor answered that it was created by Edward DeBono and that materials on it will be presented at the November meeting.

Comment: Compared to the first meeting, this meeting seemed to get closer to the purpose of this group.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 26th, 1-4 pm, at History Colorado Center, 1200 Broadway, Denver.