



Minutes

Community Living Advisory Group

Monday, December 17, 2012

1 pm - 4 pm

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

Members	Present	Absent
Senator Betty Boyd	X	
Representative Cheri Gerou		X
Joscelyn Gay	X	
George DelGrosso		X
Jayla Sanchez Warren	X	
Melody Wright	rep by Sean Reed	
Don Rosier	X	
Sam Murillo		X
Shelley Hitt	X	
Liz Fuselier		X
Senator Ellen Roberts		X
Representative Claire Levy		X
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
Jose Torres	X	
Chris Herron		X
Jean Hammes	X	
Gavin Attwood		X
Grant Jackson		X
Ian Engle		X
Craig Ammermann	X	

I. Welcome & Introductions

Senator Betty Boyd

Senator Boyd welcomed everyone and members introduced themselves.

II. Approval of October, November Draft Notes

Changes to October Notes: none

Changes to November Notes:

- ⤴ Marijo Rymer, Page 3, "the group will create a redesign of the system", should be changed to "the group will recommend changes to redesign the system."
- ⤴ Julie Reiskin, Page 5, under "What are the priorities for getting the information we want", we should clarify that this text refers to legislative recommendations.

III. Synopsis of the November Meeting: What We Heard, What We Missed

Jeff Pryor and Lorez Meinhold

Jeff presented the synopsis of the Executive Order (page 2 of the meeting agenda). This synopsis examines how closely the vision that the group identified matches the Executive Order. He reviewed the 5 elements of the vision from November's meeting, which are consistent with the Executive Order.

1. This group will recommend changes to redesign the system, and this redesign will actually be implemented.
2. The LTSS system will be a true consumer-directed Money Follows The Person system, an actual market-driven type of system, in which each eligible person has access to community living, and they can choose what they want (not determined by units or boundaries). We will create some kind of demand management model, and ultimately, a system in which there is no longer a need for advocacy.
3. We have a simple, sustainable system. This system is as simple as this illustration: if you cannot physically go to the store anymore, you can go online and get the help to get what you need.
4. All persons who need services receive them in the most appropriate way. Services are simple to obtain and person-centered.
5. People with disabilities and aging adults should **thrive** in communities of their choosing with the supports they desire. "Thrive" and "standard of life" are individually defined by the person wanting services. Consumers have ease of access. There is a true single entry point approach.

Comments:

- ⤴ The final element of the vision should not be read as the government literally being charged with ensuring that people with disabilities and aging adults thrive but that this is the intent or vision of the Community Living Advisory Group and the Long-term Services and Supports system.
- ⤴ Instead of the phrase "build off past work", the wording should change to "looking at barriers to implementation of laws that have been passed but not implemented".

IV. The Charge of the Community Living Advisory Group: Review of the Executive Order and the Matrix

Lorez and Jeff reviewed the Executive Order and the LTSS Recommendation Matrix.

V. What are the gaps in the Executive Order?

Lorez Meinhold asked the group for feedback about if the synopsis is focused on the right things; if this is the right direction. These are the values and vision that the group can always revisit to ensure that the work stays person-centered.

Comments:

- ⤴ Staying out of the details is essential (focus on the barriers present, what changes need to happen). It will be important to identify what items do need more detail work, so that groups like the LTCAC can be charged with doing that work.
- ⤴ The second to last bullet, "increasing provider competition", should be reworded to reflect the concept of clearer public-private partnership rather than competition.
- ⤴ The last bullet point "Empower families to participate", should include "informal" (family and friends) caregivers and direct professional caregivers.
- ⤴ In the Charge of the Community Living Advisory Group, Department of Regulatory Agencies and Department of Transportation are missing. There also needs to be more clarity about including non-Medicaid services (such as In-Home Support Services, Community First Choice, and others).
- ⤴ "Identifying issues of access, structure and delivery" should be explicitly stated.
- ⤴ Add language about leveraging the resources available. We need to recognize those resources and figure out how we can do things better and differently.

Public comments: none

VI. Setting Priorities for 2013

Recommendations on legislation from this group should be thoughtful, and not just be driven by legislative deadlines. Recommendations will be coming into this group from the LTCAC within the first quarter of 2013.

Marijo Rymer reported that the Waiver Simplification Subcommittee of the LTCAC agreed last week to recommend some type of legislative action that confirms the need to move toward a more person-centered system in Long Term Services and Supports.

Possible recommendations to work on:

- ⤴ Recommendation to the Commission on Aging that the words "encourage the Governor to appoint..." be changed to "The Governor shall appoint..." was agreed upon generally.
- ⤴ It would be useful to have a regulatory frame against which to think about 2013: get data on what work is being done, who is doing that work, what is working, and avoid duplication.
- ⤴ Look at Community First Choice influence on Waivers
- ⤴ Get more information about housing issues: lack of affordable and accessible housing for people with disabilities/aging, lack of regulations over this housing, lack of enforcement of ADA
- ⤴ Get more information about transportation issues

- ⤴ Information about laws that have been passed but not yet implemented could prevent unnecessary complications to the work done in this group.
- ⤴ Movement of services between agencies – explore some of the concerns:
 - Joscelyn Gay reported that the position of the Department of Human Services is that three departments is too many, and they are asking to be taken out of the equation. Any value statements this group creates should apply to anyone who needs any type of prevention or intervention services, and moving services to one agency can reduce the amount of red tape that currently exists.
- ⤴ This group can learn a great deal from the aging community on how to move away from the medical model toward a life-based model because they have done these things well.
- ⤴ Behavioral Health is important to look at, especially since it often goes hand-in-hand with other issues, such as aging, developmental disabilities, etc.

VII. Public Comment

None noted

VIII. BREAK

IX. Setting Priorities for 2013 (continued)

Lorez Meinhold asked the group what information we need for next meeting.

- ⤴ None of the members had questions or need for more information to consider recommending the change “encourage the Governor to appoint a person with a disability...” to “...shall appoint a person...”
- ⤴ Regulatory Framework: Other than understanding what is currently underway, and having Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment presentation, what other information do members want?
 - clarifying what a self-directed system looks like by getting information from other states and reviewing literature about self-determination and what self-directed services are
 - identifying how to change existing rules that impede self-determination
 - rethinking regulation to be less reactive and punitive
 - incentivizing quality care
 - developing scopes of practice that are not limited to providers working in facilities, so that they are feasible for home and community-based services, which use skilled though not often professional/licensed providers of support.
 - Marijo Rymer will forward information about four states that do a good job of consumer-directed support and care to John Barry so that the group can look at some examples from these states.
- ⤴ Housing:
 - Updates from the Division of Housing
 - Best practices from other states

- Information about architecture, accessibility, requirements for modifications of existing housing
- More private/public partnerships
- Understanding rural versus urban barriers
- ♣ Movement of services among agencies:
 - Information on what it means for clients, providers, and how we can get data
 - Costs
 - Information about Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's involvement in the movement of services
 - Open discussions of the general impression people have of the different agencies and how they work with consumers, providers and other stakeholders. Some concern exists in the community that the Departments of Health Care Policy and Financing and Public Health and Environment have shown a propensity to medicalize service needs.
 - Discussions about how the agencies will implement service provision according to the agreed-upon vision.
 - Understanding resources: being able to sell the need to taxpayers, and being able to reinvest any savings into further work.

Additional needs for information/suggestions for direction, as well as resources from other states, should be sent to John Barry at John.R.Barry@state.co.us.

X. Public Comment:

There is a lot of momentum building for Regional Care Collaborative Organizations (RCCOs) to be coordinating care and managing a lot of services for dual-eligible consumers. This group needs to be aware of and address this. A RCCO presentation would be very useful.

XI. Announcements/Other Business

None

Next Meeting:

Monday, Jan 28, 2012

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: History Colorado, 4th Floor