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## Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Services Work Group

Date: June 6, 2005

Attending: Donna Ginther (Chair), Carol Aronson, Debbie Belt, Pat Cohen, Pat Comstock, Janet Driscoll, Darcia Ferrari, Lynda Frystak, Matt Hartman, Carol Headley, Marsha Johnson, Myrtle Klauer, Joyce Lony, Juanita McCaffrey, Hellen McDonald, Phyllis Mitzen, Scott Musser, Margaret Neiderer, Mike O'Donnell, Amy Paschedag, Mary Patton, Sally Petrone, Terry Plattner, Gail Poundstone, Kristin Ruda, Molly Spengler, Jan Sweikert, and Enrique Unanue.

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### Introduction

Donna Ginther (AARP) reviewed the minutes from the meeting on April 18, 2005, and did introductions.

### Practical side of the MDS (Debbie Belt - IHCA)

Debbie Belt, Clinical Coordinator (Illinois Health Care Association) discussed the practical side of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) for nursing home residents, which includes its use by the Department of Public Aid in paying nursing homes and the use of the MDS database for comparing nursing homes. She indicated that the quality measures and quality indicators are used to show "how you're doing."

Enrique Unanue (DPH) mentioned that the federal CMS is doing a quality improvement survey, in which five states have been selected (Illinois is a runner-up). The survey will look at MDS data-samples and do a full survey if the sample fails. The goal of which is a unified system.

*The committee discussed the CMS survey and the use of the MDS for comprehensive assessments. Debbie Belt indicated that the initial assessment is done within 14 days, with a review every quarter, and a full assessment every year, unless changes.*

### Practical application of the Comprehensive Assessment (Carol Aronson)

Carol Aronson (Shawnee Alliance) discussed the practical application of the Comprehensive Assessment. Carol explained that the Community Coordination Units are paid to determine eligibility for the Community Care Program. She explained they only receive a small amount under Older Adult Services Title III for case management services. This funding is used to take a comprehensive look at high-risk seniors to help them access comprehensive services.

She explained that the Comprehensive Assessment was developed by case managers to give what is needed for a comprehensive care plan, and is currently being used voluntarily across the state. It is designed to give case managers a tool to look at health history, behavioral health, medications, and nutritional needs. The assessment may trigger the use of an addendum, which includes nationally developed tools). According to Carol the assessment initial took an hour to complete, but now only takes 45 minutes for a new client, 30 minutes for an existing client, and 15 minutes for an update.

*The committee discussed the use of the Comprehensive Assessment and the effort to computerize the Community Care Program forms.*

## **Task Groups Meetings**

The Quality, Conversions, and Inventory Task Groups met during lunch to discuss goals and objectives.

## **Task Group Reports**

### **A. Quality – Donna Ginther**

1. Identify comprehensive tools to use state-wide.
  - Look at MDS (Home)
  - Look at other tools
  - Determine time frame
  - Tool should have quality indicators
2. Collect and analyze data.
3. Quality assurance.
4. Providers conduct quality surveys related to client satisfaction.
5. Long-term care solutions.

### **B. Conversions – Matt Hartman**

- Work with DPH in identifying and amending barriers contained in present rule and writing new rules in regards to barriers for conversion.
- Identify and apply for waivers to those barriers to conversion presented in federal guidelines.
- Identify financial incentive to nursing home industry to take beds offline.
- Protect funds being transferred or swept.
- Department on Aging to give feedback on Real Choice Systems Grant
  - a. Have Community Coordination Units and Pass Agents do fully assessment on issue of mentally ill in nursing homes.
  - b. Have a representative of the Health Facilities Planning Board serve on the Task Group.

### **C. Inventory/PSA – Molly Spengler**

Mission Statement: Serve in advisory role for Real Choices Systems Grant

1. Identify inventory tools from other sources.
2. Recommend survey tool for use in grant.
3. Identify and arrange available resources to conduct inventory.
4. Advise on focus groups.

## **System Change Grants (Molly Spengler)**

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced a \$46 million grant for use in long-term care system reform initiatives.
- The funding is available under three grants; Aging and Disability Resource Centers Grants, Family-to-family Health Care Information and Education Center Grants, and Systems Transforming Grants.
- The grant application is due July 7, 2005.

## **Next Meeting**

The Services Committee will meet on Monday, July 18, in Pontiac from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- MDS (Home) - have Mary Pat and Hellen McDonald give presentation.

- Quality Indicators – Molly to give update on quality indicators for waiver programs
- Performance Out-come Measurement Program (POMP) – have Mike O’Donnell discuss what is currently being done.