



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Services Work Group

Date: January 26, 2009

Attending: Carol Aronson (co-chair), Paul Bennett, Eileen Brewer, Jan Costello, Betsy Creamer, Diane Drew, John Eckert, Becca Finer, Joyce Gusewelle, Sherry Hamlin, Julie Hess, Jim Merrill, Margaret Niederer, Mike O'Donnell, Amy Paschedag, Sally Petrone, Susan Real, Karen Schainker, Dave Vinkler, and Debbie Weber.

Discussion Summary:

- Introductions and approval of the November meeting minutes.
- Member were reminded to complete the Workgroup Enrollment forms prior to the January 31st deadline. All members must submit an enrollment form to continue serving on the Services workgroup.
- Members heard a presentation on the Money Follows the Person (MFP) demonstration project at the IDOA. John Eckert, from IDOA, and Paul Bennett, from UIC, provided an update on the project to the members. Paul stated that he is working under a contract for the MFP program through HFS with Jean Summerfield. The MFP program will be eligible for a higher federal Medicaid match of 75% for up to 365 days following transition. The MFP project is a 5 year project with HFS as the lead. To be eligible for the program, participants must have resided in a nursing home for at least 6 months, be on Medicaid, have a DON score of 29 and be transitioning out to a qualified community setting. The project will utilize Transition coordinators as the point person for the project. A CCU may dedicate a full-time staff person or a portion of a staff person's time depending on the workload for a particular service area. John stated that the goal is to have all of the policy-related questions answered before starting the program. The Dept will be rolling this project out in 3 phases. The first phase will be done in the 6 areas of the Enhanced Transition demonstration project including an expansion of the City of Chicago's area and the suburban Cook's catchment area. Phase 2 will add PSAs 5 & 8 and Phase 3 will add PSAs 2, 4, 7, 9, & 10. John discussed how the name of prospective participants will be received from HFS through information obtained on the MDS. There were 1,300 names on the first run for the phase 1 areas. This number was lower than anticipated. However, people with mental health issues were omitted from this list. All participants names will also be ran through the Office of Elder Rights ANE program. 6.5% of the first run came back with ANE red flags. These individuals may still be eligible to participate in MFP but transition coordinators will have prior knowledge to ensure that the health and safety concerns of an individual are met. Participants will be eligible for regular CCP services, and an additional 3 new services: 1) one-time expenditures up to \$4,000 2) assistive technology up to \$1,000 and 3) environmental modifications up to \$3,000. CCUs will bill via the Departments computer system, eCCPIS up to \$8,000 for a full-transition over a 12 month period. John also

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- After lunch, members discussed the subgroups issues. Members discussed the Coordination of Social & Medical services recommendation. Margaret had hoped MFP had a medical services coordination piece. Becca stated that the Coordination of Social & Medical services need to 1) Identify most high risk. How to determine who needs this level of coordination? 2) while working in silos is a problem, there are differing ideas on what the desired outcomes should be. Person centered planning vs. reducing hospital/ER/nursing home etc. The workgroup needs to meet in order to address these issues and move on.
- The members used the remaining meeting time to break into their sub-workgroups and continue working on their recommendations.

Next Steps:

- Robin will be emailing out the new services members listing after the enrollment period ends.
- The November meeting minutes will be posted on the Department's website. The website address is www.state.il.us/aging/1athome/oasa/wg-se.htm.

Meeting Schedule:

This committee meets on the 3rd Monday of the month from 10:30 am – 3:00 pm at the AARP office in Springfield. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2009. Future meeting dates are:

- NO April meeting
- May 18, 2009