

# Community Care Program Advisory Committee Minutes

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 12, 2017

JRTC - Room 16-504, Chicago, IL

**Members:** Ella Grays, Gareda; Mary Lee Tomsa, DuPage County CCU; Susan Simmons, Help at Home; Diane Drew, CHELP; Kathy Woodworth, Healthcom; Jane Stansell, Adults over 60; Lubertha Mercer, HCI; Tuyet Ngo, Chinese Mutual Aid Assn.; Terri Harkin, SEIU; David Lukens, VRI; Shana Holmes, Southeastern Illinois Area on Aging; LaShun James, Addus; Theresa Collins, Senior Services Plus, Inc; Lori Hendren, AARP; Marta Pereyra, CLESE; Cary Crawford, Chicago Commons; Greg Kyrouac, SIU; Sherry Barter Hamlin, River to River Residential Co.; Carol Aronson, Shawnee Alliance CCU; Joanne Glenn, Comprehensive Quality Care; Mikal Sutton, BCBS; Stephanie Garrigan, Philips Lifeline

**Illinois Department on Aging:** Jennifer Reif; Anna O'Connell; Mary Gilman; LaRhonda Williams; Robin Morgan; Shirley Morley; Tom Brenner; Michael Schumacher; Yesenia Garcia; Jose Jimenez; Lora McCurdy; Mike Berkes; Desirey Ackermann; Becky Ward

**By Telephone:** Bill Wheeler, ICCCU; Elio Montenegro, Genesis at Home; Lori Webb, SIVNA CCU; Kelly LiVigni, Stickney Township CCU; Becky Edwards, Macon County CCU; Crissy Castillo, Kenneth Young CCU; Brycie Wilson, Alternatives CCU; Tara Russo, DeKalb County CCU; Tonia Oberg, ECCOA CCU; Louie Prado, ADT; Bette Schoenholtz, Senior Services Associates CCU; Yolanda Kirk, Alternatives CCU; Lindsay Snelling, ACM CCU; Amy Lucas, Livingston Co. Health Dept.; Linda Hubbard, ECCOA CCU

**Guests:** Tracy Barczewski, Midland Area Agency; Kristin McCracken, AMAC; Mary Killough, Gareda; Richard Juarez, Lawndale Christian Health Center

## Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Jose Jimenez and roll call was taken.

## Public Comments

None.

## Department Reports:

### Planning, Research, Training and Development Division Report (Lora McCurdy)

As required by federal CMS, the automated Critical Event Policy and Critical Event Reporting System in eCCPIS were implemented with the network effective July 12th. All CCUs have submitted at least one (1) report in the System, to date and data indicates as of July 12<sup>th</sup>, there were 3,337 reports submitted into the System. As the data is reviewed and analyzed, of the reports that had been submitted, the "falls" submission included 293 falls without injury and 269 falls with injury. The data will provide information that can be used to plan future training programs to address strategies for addressing ways to mitigate

the risks of future critical events. The Planning Division will be reaching out to the network and planning face-to-face regional meetings to provide further training for implementation of the new reporting system.

Network providers shared information they created to assist staff for reporting in the system. Feedback was also received regarding the EHRS reports that providers receive and the complexity or difficulties of obtaining the information of the incident to determine the necessity of a report in the system. The reporting process will continue to be reviewed and tweaked if necessary, based on feedback from the provider network.

Another next step regarding the data obtained from the system will be implementation of monitoring benchmarks to ensure the 60 day follow up is met by the CCUs.

A CCU workgroup has been established to address compliance with the “Person Centered Planning” initiative in the federal waiver regulations. There are also other workgroups that are meeting to provide input for practices that will comply with the necessary CCP rule revisions.

The Automated Medication Dispenser administrative rule is close to submission for the second notice period for comments. The second notice period will allow availability for comment submissions for 45 days.

The Department had to submit revisions for the federal waiver due to the legislation that passed regarding the in-home provider rate increase. New and/or revised policies have been implemented to meet specific federal waiver requirement deadlines; therefore, the hope is that there will not be additional revisions made to the federal waiver. The Department does not have an exact timeline for the feds to respond to the waiver revision.

EHRS providers asked about fall prevention being added to EHRS. Lora indicated the Department is in the EHRS rate review process as required by federal CMS. EHRS providers indicated they would like to be involved in the process. The approval to have an additional service approved under the waiver can take some time due to the waiver amendment process and detailed review by federal CMS. Additional services cannot be added to the currently approved services for EHRS, unless all provider agencies would be willing to provide the same services at the same rate. Jose indicated there is federal oversight regarding rate studies and approved services.

#### SHIP Report (Sandy Leith)

New Medicare cards will be issued to all Medicare recipients, beginning April 2018. Information can be found on Medicare’s website. There are already concerns and safeguards being taken into consideration to fight Medicare fraud.

The Medicare Part D open enrollment period will begin October 15, 2017 and go through December 7, 2017. SHIP hosted five (5) conferences to provide information and training regarding Medicare benefit updates and the Medicare Part D open enrollment period.

Federal SHIP funding continues to operate under a continuing resolution during the federal budget impasse.

#### Fiscal Division Report (Anna O'Connell)

The Fiscal Division started processing FY 2018 billings and the in-home provider rate increase passed by the legislature has been implemented into the billing system.

At this time, FY17 payments are backlogged and will be resolved hopefully by the end of the year; however, please know that the outgoing payments are under regulation of the State Comptroller's Agency.

The Department was asked about Court of Claims payment and indicated that further information regarding past fiscal year payments should be inquired about with the Comptroller's office.

#### Home and Community Based Services Report (Jose Jimenez)

A new CCU has been procured for PSA 12, Subarea 7 and it is Catholic Charities.

The current High Rise Demonstration project will be ending and the participants who receive CCP services will be assigned to the CCUs in their respective geographic area. The High Rise Demonstration was implemented years ago and there doesn't appear to be a reason to continue the Demonstration going forward.

The legislature passed a bill that requires a rate increase effective August 1, 2017 for in-home providers. The rate increase resulted in a waiver revision submission to be approved through HFS and the feds. The rate increase applies to MCO provider's; however, MCOs are regulated by HFS; therefore, the requirement for MCOs to implement the rate increase will need to be approved through that agency.

#### Legislative Report (Alex Burke)

The veto session for the legislature is coming up, soon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.