

Long Term Care Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 30, 2021
10:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

Opening

- A. Call to Order Kelly Richards
- B. Roll Call/Introductions
 - a. On WebEx or Phone: Kelly Richards, Chuck Miller, Terri Simpson, Jessica Belsly, LaRhonda Williams, Paula Basta, Lee Moriarty, Bernard Cobbins, Lora McCurdy, Andy Allison, Barbara Gold, Amy Lulich, Becky Dragoo, Chris Sutton, Elaina Finnie, Gwen Diehl, Greg Wilson, Selma D'Souza, Josh Potts, Melinda McDonald, Candice Mitchell, Theresa Kuhlman, Ali Johnson, Trish Niewoehner, Katie Harrison, Sharon McLemen, Suzanne Courtheoux, Lawrence Wagner, Julie Schuppner, Megan Jizmagian, Stephen Maxwell, Jen Glackin, & Ashley VonAlmen
 - b. New Members – Stacy Ashman, Bruce Carmona, Rahnee Patrick, Theresa Parks
- C. Prior Meeting Minutes
 - a. NO Quorum

Old Business:

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New Business:

- a. Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy presentation - Teresa Parks Deputy Director
 - b. Overview of Organization
 - c. See slide IGAC
 - d. Every County has access to a Regional Office
 - e. 3 branches are Office of State Guardian-Guardian of last resort, Legal Advocacy Services, and Humans Rights Authority
 - f. Commission can recommend legislation
 - g. <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/gac/OSG/Pages/Guardianship-Training.aspx>
- B. HFS Presentation – Melissa Black-Senior Advisor HFS and Andy Allison
 - a. Increased accountability for nursing homes for Medicaid residents in Nursing homes
 - b. Illinois recently ranked last in nursing home staffing and residents are likely to live in a 3 or 4 person room (before Covid 10,000 residents living in such conditions)
 - i. Black and brown residents make up the majority living in overcrowded rooms
 - c. Changing the way they pay facilities to improve quality and staff retention-2 unfunded quality incentives although they are in Administrative Code
 - i. Rate redesign should incentivize-Patient Driven Payment Model
 - 1. Right level of care
 - 2. For the right person
 - 3. In the right location
 - 4. These will be data driven.
 - d. <https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/NursingHomeUpdate/Pages/default.aspx> all conversations and where we will continue to add materials as we move forward.
- C. DORS Presentation- Rahnee Patrick, Director Dept of Rehabilitation Services
 - a. Program Overview
 - b. Culture Change for rehab services
 - c. 47 local offices across IL that provide services to people with disabilities

- d. Reaching out to nearly 4k individuals in nursing homes and Specialized Mental Health Rehab Facility's
- D. Legislative Update - Katherine Ostrowski
 - a. HB2566 not called on the floor before deadline
 - b. SB700
 - i. Mandated reporters to report suspicious deaths
 - ii. Increase the reach of mandated reporters
 - c. Facilities to allow for and hold virtual visits bill passed
- E. ADRC Update – Amy Lulich, IDoA Senior Policy Advisor
 - a. ADRC No wrong door update-1.7 million dollars to Illinois
 - i. Provided tablets and wifi across the state to address social isolation (excluded residents in facilities)
 - ii. 2 million dollars for FY2022
 - b. 886,000 dollars for covid vaccine supplemental award, working on an outreach program for individuals that are hesitant to be vaccinated.
- F. SLTCOP Update -Kelly Richards
 - a. Statewide Family and Resident Council-looking to increase participation
 - b. Bi-weekly meetings
 - c. Received ARP funding and will use it for outreach and ombudsman program promotion through billboards and other community outreach
 - d. Town Hall meeting flyers will go out
 - e. Policy and procedures will be updated and completed next week
 - f. Next meeting will be September 21st now instead of September 7th
- G. HCOP Update – LaRhonda Williams
 - a. Program Overview
 - b. MMAI expanding across the whole state
 - c. Reinventing new ways to reach the community about the program
 - d. Billboard Campaign is expanding across the state April through September
- H. Update from State Agency Representatives
 - a. Ali Johnson Colbert and Consent Decree
 - i. Near finalizing FY22 implementation plans-Anticipate by July 9th
 - b. SOS- Josh Potts
 - i. Extended DL and ID cards to January 1st to get them taken care of.
- I. Public Comment
 - a. Melinda McDonald
 - i. Isolated for visiting family even after being vaccinated and having covid prior
 - ii. Staff and residents should be treated equally with the covid policy and procedures, not unfairly towards residents
 - iii. Paula Basta thanked her for the comment and informed her that she will be followed up with
 - iv. Becky Dragoo agrees that IDPH will look into this matter to ensure Residents are being treated fairly and appropriately.
 - b. Veronica Riley

- i. HFS preadmission screening during the COVID era. How far back can they use a PASSR agreement and can it be back dated?
 1. Melissa Black will follow up with Veronica on this issue through email. Melissa provided her email and phone number.
 2. Becky Dragoo also offered assistance as well

Adjournment

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

September 21, 2021

December 7, 2021