



Long-Term Care Council Minutes
9/25/19
DNR Building, Springfield, IL

- I. Call to Order – Kelly Richards
- II. Roll Call / Introductions
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Any changes? – None
 - b. Motion to approve, seconded, approved
- IV. Public Comment
 - a. None
- V. Co-Chair Nomination and Vote
 - a. Kelly Richards nominated Julia Preston
 - b. Was seconded and approved
- VI. Proposed Meeting Dates for 2020
 - a. No issues voiced
 - b. Dates approved
- VII. 2020 Census from Chief of Staff Selma D’Souza
 - a. Census will be online
 - b. Will work with AAAs and providers to help public with access
 - c. There are two boards that meet monthly to discuss the census
 - i. Open to public
 - ii. Dates online
 - d. Part of census fund is delegated to reaching out to long-term care facilities to make sure residents are counted
- VIII. Annual Report from Director Paula Basta
 - a. HFS is opening 40 new dementia units and facilities
 - i. Scheduled to be ready in 2020
 - ii. Almost 1600 apartments
 - b. IDoA’s fall conference in Peoria was a success
 - c. The Department has several initiatives under way
 - i. Revising rules of AMD and waiver program
 - ii. Increasing home delivered meal referrals
 - iii. Amending rules of person-centered-planning
 - d. The Director is currently in the process of traveling throughout the state to meet with providers
 - e. Aging and IDPH recently had a productive meeting about enforcing the Illinois Act on Aging which requires facilities to submit surveys to the Consumer Choice Website

- IX. Consumer Choice Website Update
 - a. Joe Danner designed a new brochure/pamphlet for website
 - i. Will promote website to public
 - ii. Should encourage facilities to enter the required information onto website
 - iii. Printing extra for Marsha Johnson to distribute in their packets
 - b. Almost every facility in the state has been added to the website
 - i. Awaiting the survey results (only about 200 facilities have submitted)
 - ii. Working with IDPH to establish realistic consequences
 - c. Projector demonstration on how the website works
 - d. Julia Preston is planning a workshop to inform individuals how to navigate and use the website
 - e. Discussion on adding a Colbert information box to website
- X. Deputy State Ombudsman Chuck Miller
 - a. Provided update on the Special Focus Facilities (SFF) in IL
 - i. These facilities have more problems, more serious problems and a pattern of more serious problems than other Nursing Homes
 - ii. 3 facilities have not improved, 1 facility has improved, and 20 facilities are on the SFF candidate list
 - iii. Questions were asked about how a facility gets on the list; the answer is in the handout provided and will be addressed at the next meeting.
- XI. Home Care Ombudsman Update
 - a. LaRhonda Williams had to step out to attend prior engagement
 - b. Kelly Richards provided update
 - i. Program renewed their grant
 - ii. Hiring a Home Care Ombudsman position in Chicago area
 - iii. Continuing to do public outreach
- XII. Colbert Update from Rhonda Armstead and Ali Johnson
 - a. Aging is no longer the lead agency, DHS is
 - b. DHS is making headway in turning program around
 - i. Nearing end of grace period to improve performance
 - c. Communication with MCOs and CCUs has been key
- XIII. State Plan on Aging from Lora McCurdy
 - a. Updated three-year plan
 - b. Forming cross advisory group from members of other councils, boards, and advisory groups
 - c. Marsha Johnson and Dr. Carolyn Peck volunteered for the group
- XIV. Updates from State Agencies
 - a. Janene Brickey from HFS
 - i. Approved the sites of the 40 new dementia care units
 - ii. They are opening earlier than anticipated

- iii. List online
 - b. Lenard Winnicki from Veteran's Affairs
 - i. Chicago facility still on pace to open in April of 2020
 - 1. 200 beds
 - 2. Single rooms
 - 3. Attached bathrooms
 - ii. Quincy facility still needing to demolish a few old buildings before new build begins
 - 1. New design is about 35% complete
 - 2. 208 beds
 - 3. Single rooms
 - 4. Attached bathrooms
- XV. Adjournment