

# Unified Long-Term Care System Advisory Workgroup Minutes July 14, 2011

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Bonnie Kantor-Burman, Ohio Department of Aging, Chair  
John Alfano, LeadingAge Ohio  
Richard Browdie, Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging  
Mary Butler, Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council  
Judith Chavis, American Association of Service Coordinators  
Diane Dietz (for Pete VanRunkle), Ohio Health Care Association  
Janet Grant, Ohio Association of Health Plans  
Bethany Hathaway (for Kathleen Anderson), Ohio Council for Home Care and Hospice  
Beverly Laubert, Ohio Department of Aging, SLTC Ombudsman  
John McCarthy, ODJFS Office of Health Plans  
Greg Moody, Governor's Office of Health Transformation  
Christopher Murray, Ohio Academy of Nursing Homes  
Joe Ruby, Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging  
Anne Shelley (for Jeff Lycan), Midwest Care Alliance  
Jean Thompson, Ohio Assisted Living Association  
Ted Wymyslo, M.D. Ohio Department of Health

## HANDOUTS

ULTCS Meeting Agenda  
New ULTCS Advisory Workgroup Membership Roster (updated)  
ULTCS Advisory Workgroup Subcommittee Participation  
HB 153 Sections 209.40 and 209.50 authorizing new ULTCS Advisory Workgroup  
2011 ULTCS Stakeholder Workgroup Meeting Calender (revised)  
Common Sense Initiative, Long-term Care Regulatory Relief  
Final Report on Medicaid Transformation in HB 153  
8/11/11 HOLD THE DATE flyer on Alice Lind presentation  
OHT Workgroups Final High Focus  
BENHA Appointments  
Scripps UPAR Presentation (from morning session)

## Welcome and Introductions

Chair Bonnie Kantor-Burman welcomed the members of the new Unified Long-term Care System Advisory Workgroup. She thanked Dr. Bobby Applebaum for his presentation to the ULTCS Workgroup and others earlier in the day (see handout) and called for introductions. Director Kantor-Burman reminded people that today is the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Older Americans Act, an important day for the aging network.

## Office of Health Transformation Update & ULTCS Advisory Workgroup Charge

Greg Moody provided background on the Office of Health Transformation and its initial focus on the biennial budget and policy development. "Phase II" will focus on implementation. Greg reviewed the Final Report on Medicaid Transformation in HB 153 (see handout), highlighting areas of specific interest. He reminded the group about the administration's and legislature's accomplishments in balancing the budget while unifying the line item for long-term care services and supports while enhancing quality.

Greg went over the OHT Workgroup projects (see handout), described the groups as fluid and task-specific and mentioned starting to look toward private sector engagement, combined with state leadership to move this work forward. Anyone who has interest in a specific group should contact the respective group's lead.

Jean Thompson asked about the August 2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled implementation of MITS and was assured that 5500 providers have already done early registration and there are contingency plans in place to ensure providers get paid. She also asked about moving from category-based to income-based eligibility. She was told that we are moving, in general, from categorical to income-based, but to bear in mind that there are no eligibility reductions, only eligibility expansions. Under the Affordable Care Act new income standards for Medicaid eligibility are increased to 133% of the federal poverty level.

### **Workgroup and Subcommittees' Purpose, Membership and Schedule**

Director Kantor-Burman explained that the ULTCS Advisory Workgroup membership was designed to reflect categories identified in Section 209.40 and mirrors the language from HB 1 for the last biennium. She reminded the group that each gubernatorially appointed member must first complete the required Boards and Commissions form in order to be appointed. The Director also mentioned the pending creation, under HB 153, of a joint legislative committee for Unified Long-term Services and Supports.

As evidenced in HB 153 Section 209.50 (handout), the initial work of the ULTCS subcommittees on Quality and Capacity, both of which Greg Moody has consented to chair, involves very specific timeframes. Once these early deadlines are met, the workgroup will be able to refocus on broader, ongoing long-term care themes. The Workgroup and subcommittee membership has been reformed to align with the work and will be reconsidered as necessary, while keeping the meetings open and as transparent as possible.

The Quality subcommittee is looking at a range of issues regarding linking reimbursement to quality, including method of calculation, selection of quality incentive measures, and methodology and process for distribution of any unexpended quality funds. The portion of nursing home reimbursement to be tied to quality measures is increasing from \$3.03 per day to \$16.44 per day, on average, or roughly \$18 million. This is not additional money; it is carved out of the current allotment for nursing home reimbursement. Greg urged the group to try to move away from thinking of pots of money for specific LTC settings and toward a fund of dollars based on individual choice for setting. John McCarthy reminded those present that the 5.8% nursing home reduction already includes the quality money being mentioned.

The Capacity subcommittee will be dealing with "right-sizing." Greg believes both subcommittees will generate recommendations for the Administration who will make recommendations to the joint legislative committee on LTSS for potential legislative action.

Chris Murray asked a question about Ohio Academy of Nursing Home representation which was deferred until the new "form" of OANH is determined. Chris asked that the work of the subcommittees be shared with the full membership.

In response to a question from John Alfano about the length of the subcommittee meetings, Greg asked that the work of the subcommittees be given a framework before the subcommittee commits to a schedule. The tentative meetings set are a placeholder for decisions of the group going forward.

In response to a question from John Alfano about when do we start work on the next subcommittees for the third and fourth reports due to the legislature, Greg responded that Medicaid Eligibility subcommittee should convene by September 8<sup>th</sup> and that he sees the Reimbursement subcommittee as a continuation of the Capacity work.

### **Next Steps/Next Meeting**

The legislature may act on the Quality subcommittee recommendations by December 31<sup>st</sup>, to be implemented July 2012. Meanwhile, the state will be providing guidance and technical assistance to help nursing homes maximize their ability to achieve full quality incentive reimbursement.

Bonnie Kantor-Burman announced that the Governor has just appointed three new members (see handout) for the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators (BENHA). This body, operating under the auspices of but statutorily separate from the Ohio Department of Health, licenses and provides CEUs for nursing home administrators and oversees the Administrator in Training program.

In members' packets is a Hold the Date flyer for an August 11th event to replace the regular ULTCS Advisory Workgroup meeting. More information will follow.

As listed in the updated 2011 meeting calendar, September 8th and November 9th are the remaining meetings for this year. The work of the subcommittees will proceed, with regular updates on progress to the full group.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.