

**Unified Long Term Care System (ULTCS) Workgroup
Revised Minutes
November 19, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Allen, UCHINC /Skilled Nursing Care Coalition
Kathleen Anderson, Ohio Council for Home Care & Hospice
Angie Bergeford, Ohio Department of Mental Health
Cynthia Burnell, Ohio Health Care Coverage & Quality Council
Kristen Butterfield for Capri Cafaro, Ohio Senate
Mark Davis, Ohio Provider Resources Association
Douglas Day, Ohio Dept. of Alcohol/ Drug Addiction Services
Bridget Gargan, Ohio Hospital Association
Janet Grant, Ohio Association of Health Plans
Roland Hornbostel, Ohio Department of Aging
Kelly Carey for Sen. Shannon Jones, Ohio Senate
Beverley Laubert, State of Ohio Ombudsman
Rep. Peggy Lehner, Ohio House of Representatives
Becky Maust, Ohio Department of Health
Brett Kirkpatrick for Steve Mombach, TriHealth Senior Link
Rep. Debbie Newcomb, Ohio House of Representatives
Shelley Papenfuse, Ohio Olmstead Task Force
Steve Peishel, Office of Budget and Management
Tracy Plouck, ODJFS/Ohio Health Plans
Cindy Farson for Joe Ruby, Ohio Assn. of Area Agencies on Aging
Patrick Stephan, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
Bill Sundermeyer, AARP Ohio
Cristal Thomas, Executive Medicaid Management Administration
Jean Thompson, Ohio Assisted Living Association
Addie Whaley, Ohio Association of Adult Care Facilities
Christine Kozobanich & Sarah Riesel for Becky Williams, SEIU/1199
Hubert Wirtz, Ohio Council of BH and Family Service Providers

ODA STAFF PRESENT

Barbara E. Riley
Roland Hornbostel

HANDOUTS

11/19/09 Agenda
10/15/09 Revised Meeting Minutes
ULTCS Survey Results
ULTCS Implementation Matrix
JFS PowerPoint
ODH PowerPoint
Behavioral Health PowerPoint
DODD PowerPoint
OPRA 2009 Salary Survey Key Findings

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Barbara Riley opened the meeting and called for introductions of those present. She announced ODA's intent to broaden the membership to be more inclusive, given the strategic nature of ULTCS, and asked Workgroup members to forward information on any interests that had not been included.

SURVEY ON DIRECTION OF WORKGROUP

At the October meeting, an Ad Hoc Subcommittee was formed to discuss process issues. Volunteers to this subcommittee (*Bill Sundermeyer, Mark Davis, Beverley Laubert and Joe Ruby*) met by conference

call and recommended members be asked to complete a brief survey. Director Riley reviewed the survey results and comments indicating that members did believe there was merit in a strategic session to refocus on the original recommendations. Director Riley also demonstrated the new format for the ULTCS Workgroup webpage.

STAKEHOLDER STATE AGENCIES' UPDATES ON RECOMMENDATIONS

ODJFS - Tracy Plouck provided an overview of ODJFS Updates regarding the Unified Long-Term Care Budget. She announced the new statistic that 2 million+ individuals are enrolled in Medicaid in Ohio.

Janet Grant asked for clarification of how HOME Choice differs from Access Success and was told that previously Access Success required six months' institutional stay but that length of time had been eliminated.

ODH - Jodi Govern presented an update of the Ohio Department of Health's efforts around Recommendation # 81 regarding potential movement of CON beds across counties.

Susan Ackerman expressed concern that moving beds across counties may not necessarily remedy the need to rebalance number of beds needed between institutional and community-based services.

Kathleen Anderson sought clarification on whether this effort would accommodate the increasing aging population projections. Jean Thompson added that current statute does not take into account the potential for assisted living to help ease the burden of increased population projections on CON beds.

Beverly Laubert asked about quality considerations in the CON process to ensure that removal of any beds would be based on lack of quality.

Brett Kirkpatrick was told that no data had been collected to compare HCBS use with CON beds.

Bill Sundermeyer asked when the process would be implemented and when it would first be able to be modified without legislation. Jodi announced the public hearing set for January 12, 2010, and stated that the rules call for review in 2015.

BH – Doug Day and Angie Burgefurd presented a joint update on AoD/MH efforts related to the Unified Long-Term Care recommendations.

Hugh Wirtz reminded the group about the need to look at the full treatment continuum, not just that portion that is embedded in behavioral health, but cuts across the entire health spectrum, and reiterated the need for a robust, integrated data system.

DODD – Patrick Stephan provided a detailed look at the Futures work that refined the initial 31 core areas of work to 10 current priorities at this time.

Shelley Papenfuse sought clarification on why County Collaboration Project only existed in 18 counties.

Beverly Laubert commented on the 27,000+ waiting list identified in priority #9, stressing the need to actively manage the waiting list to determine what clients need right now. Mark Davis echoed the need for a culture change in those serving waiting list consumers from passive to active, with focus on preventive services and linking to community services, following a "front door/front porch" approach.

ODI – Cynthia Burnell spoke about the Department of Insurance’s efforts around LTC partnership policies that provide matching amounts for assets if a person becomes Medicaid eligible, thereby helping to protect individual assets from Medicaid estate recovery. Twenty-four companies in Ohio offer such policies, though Genworth holds 80 percent of the market. Additional information is available on the ODI website.

In response to an anecdotal story from Mark Davis, Roland offered that in some cases insurers are required to offer conversion on LTC policies that seem useless once an individual has reduced asset levels, e. g., what would have been covered by the insurer is covered by Medicaid. If a policy includes a home care benefit, that may allow additional resources to avoid nursing home placement. Roland reminded the group that the national health care discussion will likely impact what is occurring in Ohio.

EMMA – Cristal Thomas spoke about the effort being led by Tamiyka Koger to develop criteria and policies to rebalance home- and community-based services. EMMA Council is doing a quarterly review of the budget and spending trends. The EMMA Financing group is meeting to make recommendations to the EMMA Council. Cristal stated that there is a process for tracking of the unified budget expenditures.

Cristal also spoke about the update to the Olmstead Plan, also being led by Tamiyka Koger. Information on what has been done is being gathered in preparation for a stakeholder process for what needs to be done so that it can serve both as a report and a plan.

IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE/WORK IN PROGRESS

Roland Hornbostel reviewed the ULTCS Implementation Matrix of ULTCS original recommendations in the May 2009 report. He noted that most of those marked “not planned for implementation” are based on the immediate future and potential cost, not that they have been totally omitted from consideration. Recommendations are in numerical order and reference which subcommittee generated them. It should be noted that recommendations delineated by phases are based on content, not chronology.

Action Steps:

Bridget Gardan offered, under Recommendation #20, to provide the opportunity for a ULTCS presentation at the June 2010 OHA conference.

ODA committed to making an initial effort to identify those recommendations that have been fully abandoned in order to keep the Matrix a “living, breathing document.”

OPRA COMPENSATION, BENEFITS & TURNOVER STUDY SUMMARY

Mark Davis shared information from the 2009 OPRA Study as a follow-up to the Health and Human Service Lattice presentation at a previous meeting. He noted, for example, the 50+ percent turnover rate and the disparity between private (\$9.62/hour) and public (\$16.66/hour) pay rates. Projections show that by 2016 we will be one million short of direct care workers. (Source: www.phinational.org)

There were a number of comments related to the presentation about the complexity of Ohio’s reimbursement system, the “brain drain” from Ohio’s university graduates seeking employment elsewhere, the use of person-centered care strategies for no-cost help in reducing turnover.

SENATOR CAREY’S LEGISLATION

Barbara Riley provided a brief overview of the Home First legislation being co-sponsored in the House by Representatives Newcomb and Lehner and in the Senate by Senators Carey and Dale Miller. The bill would revise the waiting list provisions of the PASSPORT and Assisted Living programs to broaden

the qualification for Home First to include those at imminent risk of entering a nursing facility. There is a good chance that the Senate bill will be introduced on Tuesday, November 24th, with the House introduction to follow. Those that have related personal stories and/or that want to do proponent testimony should let the legislators know now.

CONTENT OF RETREAT

Kathleen Anderson moved that a full-day strategic retreat for ULTCS be held on January 21st. Bill Sundermeyer seconded the motion. Discussion included suggested topics (below) and stressed the need to balance presentation and discussion. Roland mentioned that Maggie Lewis is available to facilitate the retreat. The motion passed with 18 in favor and none opposed.

Several topics raised during the course of the meeting were suggested for inclusion at the retreat:

- *Member survey comments,*
- *Legislative issues, e.g., CON statute, Home First legislation*
- *Hurdles that should not become barriers, e.g., potential need for education (for both individuals and healthcare providers) on LTC insurance policies, potential for expansion or modeling of BWC fund for low interest loans to hospitals for lift equipment*
- *Workforce issues,*
- *Person-centered care strategies,*
- *Planning for the next biennial budget,*
- *National health care reform impact,*
- *Olmstead plan,*
- *Timeline for meetings and for work planned.*

NEXT STEPS/NEXT MEETING

The ULTCS Workgroup opted to meet on December 17th in preparation for the January 21st retreat regarding setting of priorities and planning for the budget. Please come prepared with additional ideas for retreat topics and format.

Tentative Upcoming Meetings

December 17, 2009

January 21, 2010

Proposed agenda items/updates:

ULTCS Implementation (“the big picture”)

New Olmstead Plan

State Profile Tool (ODJFS)

HB 1 Intervention Models/Strategies

Retreat Agenda

New Business

Member Items

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.