

Charge to Unified Long-Term Care Budget Subcommittees

“Front Door” and “Unmet Needs” Subcommittee

This subcommittee will be comprised of those participating in the “balancing” subcommittee of the Home Choice (MFP) project. The subcommittee is charged with recommending a plan for the design of the “front door” or access system by which Ohioans enter the long-term care system, including access to trustworthy, reliable, and objective information about their options for long-term services and supports. The second charge to this subcommittee is a “gap analysis” of the current structure of available long-term services and supports to ascertain whether unmet needs are not addressed by the current structure and to recommend necessary future changes.

Administration Subcommittee.

This subcommittee also has two distinct charges. The first is to create a budgeting structure with specific line items that support a unified long-term care budget. The second is to recommend changes to the state’s current information technology structure that will support a unified budget. It is expected that the work of the subcommittee will be heavily influenced by the proposed design of the new MITS system.

Care Management Subcommittee

This subcommittee will make recommendations as to the role of care management in a transformed system of long-term services and supports. Issues to be considered by this subcommittee include:

- Who should benefit from care management?
- What is the role of the care manager? (Gatekeeper, counselor, navigator, advocate, service authorizer, or some combination of all of these).
- How does the care management system for long-term services and supports integrate with existing managed care plans? This includes both Medicare managed care plans and the Medicaid ABD managed care plans.

Quality Management/Assurance Subcommittee

Not surprisingly, because Ohio has developed a system of long-term services and supports that has historically been based on the development of individual programs, each program has developed its own quality assurance mechanisms. This subcommittee’s charge is to explore the degree to which quality assurance systems can be integrated in a transformed long-term services and supports system and to recommend necessary improvements to the current system. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) “Quality Framework” provides a useful

starting point for this work. This subcommittee is charged with exploring ways the framework can be adapted for facility-based care providers as well as home-based providers.

Consumer Direction Subcommittee

One common element of all transformed long-term services and supports system is that all contain elements of consumer direction that allow the consumer more control over the services received and allow for the consumer to substitute goods and services at the consumer's discretion. Consumer direction has been proven to be one effective strategy to control overall service costs at the same time consumer quality of life and satisfaction are increased. In addition, consumer direction is one strategy that states have employed to address the projected shortage of direct service workers. This subcommittee is charged with recommending a plan to allow consumer direction for each long-term services and supports option.