



**DETROIT LONG TERM CARE SYSTEM CHANGE TASK FORCE
INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
HILDRED DREW-DALE CONFERENCE CENTER**

**JANUARY 7, 2009
MEETING MINUTES**

PRESENT

Elaine Williams
Roger Myers
Marion Bloye
Stephanie Donaldson
Anne Holmes Davis
James Pappas
John Thorhauer
Yuself Seegars
Patricia A. Blaines-Lake
Tim Wintermute
Shelley Kritzman
Patrick Berry
Michael Simowski
Karen Watson
Barbara Owens
Serita Lockard
Cheryl Dozier Forte
Laura Seriguchi

ABSENT

Jane Church – excused
Juanita Hernandez - excused
Patrick Donnellon - excused
Steve Larkin
Deanna Mitchell - excused
Gene Payne
Geraldine Sanders
Mayble Wynter – excused

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

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III. OLD BUSINESS

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IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. DUE TO TECHNICAL PROBLEMS, THE DRAFT POLICIES WILL BE FIRST GIVEN BY: MICHAEL SIMOWSKI. THE EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS FOR ALL INCLUSIVE CARE FOR SENIOR INDEPENDENCE (PACE)

- Federal and State regulations need to be changed to make it easier for PACE participants to enroll in the program
- PACE should be expended to multiple locations in Regions 1-A /1-B or Wayne County to increase access to these services.
- Partnerships should be developed between PACE and senior residences to leverage resources and to expand the delivery of supportive services that promote independent living.

B. DUE TO TECHNICAL PROBLEMS, THE DRAFT POLICIES WILL ALSO BE GIVEN BY: JOHN THORHAUER: UNITED METHODIST RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

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C. MS. LAURA SEIGUCHI PRESENTED A PRESENTATION ON MI CHOICE.

Key issues that the program is confronting include the following:

- More Home and Community based programs
- More Low cost alternatives to Nursing Home Care
- Must quality for Medicaid Waiver (Be at least 65 or disabled)
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D. MS. SERITA LOCKARD, JD PRESENTED A PRESENTATION ON THE NURSING FACILITY TRANSITION SERVICES

- Consumers may qualify for: Medicaid MI Choice Waiver, DHS Adult Home Help; Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE); & No community support needed
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E. MS. SHELLEY KRITZMAN PRESENTED A PRESENTATION ON MSHDA (SECTION 8 DIVISION)

- Michigan's Homeless Baseline Data Report – 56% of actual homeless in Michigan are adults with children in families. About 59% are female head-of-households

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- Pair the voucher with services to ensure successful tenancy. Also, provide a permanent solution for homelessness
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- Section 232 – Regulated by State, city or political subdivision
- Board and Care and Assisted Living Facility in which 25% of a projects units may be independent (not licensed)
- Key Services needed by Clients – quality housing; timely processing of loan applications and timely procession of correspondence
- Barriers are: budget constraints, training, travel dollars, technology advancement and additional staff

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The Chairs thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

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