



Detroit Long Term Care System Change Task Force

Long Term Care Stakeholder Engagement Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2009
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Place: Detroit Area Agency on Aging
Hildred Drew Dale Conference Room-1st Floor
1333 Brewery Park Boulevard
Detroit, MI 48207

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Cervenak, Co-Chair
Eric Foster, Co-Chair
Jackie Raxter
Hollis Turnham
Valerie Weatherly
Maria Thacker
Rufus Gaston
Sarah Gleicher
Laura Champagne

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Monique Marks, Co-Chair
Amne Talab
Henry Johnson
Cathy Mozham
Sa'Trice Coleman
Alex Shulman
P.A. Brooks
Ann Leen
Oscar King III
George Cardwell
Horatio Vargas
Alfonso Bermea, Jr.
Louis Green

STAFF

Joyce Henderson, Facilitator
Karen Watson
Gale Simmons
Sherry McGee
Rachel McLaury, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

Tom Cervenak called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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Components and Structure of Detroit Advocacy Network

Organizational Chart for the Community Advocacy Network

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Mr. Cervenak welcomed all members and asked each member to introduce themselves and state what organization they represent.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Cervenak asked all members to review the meeting minutes as distributed. Hollis Turnham asked to review the minutes and forward changes to Joyce Henderson. Eric Foster made a motion to accept the minutes with Ms. Turnham changes. It was seconded by Ms. Henderson. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Foster asked all members if they had a chance to review the Family Council and Consumer Advocate Models discussed at the last subcommittee meeting. Mr. Foster asked opened the table up for discussion on the Models. Mr. Cervenak stated he was impressed with the Ombudsmen program in Wisconsin. Mr. Cervenak mentioned that all three components of the Wisconsin program include training. The Wisconsin program governance structure includes the AAA and the community. Mr. Foster mentioned he liked the Indiana program. This program trains family members but also has a community focus on community education and advocacy.

Mr. Cervenak asked if Ms. Turnham and Mr. Foster would make a recommendation on the best suited Family Council or Consumer Advocate Model for the Detroit Advocacy Model. Ms. Turnham stated she does not feel comfortable recommending a specific model since she does not live or work in the City of Detroit. Karen Watson stated Mr. Bridgewater has asked Citizens for Better Care to work with the LTC Stakeholder Engagement Subcommittee on developing an advocacy model.

Mr. Cervenak asked the subcommittee to review components and structure of Detroit Advocacy Network.

Mission statement should include the total array of LTC services, accessibility and receiving, quality LTC services for independence, comfort in receiving appropriate information and continuum of Care

Members should include: Seniors, LTC Providers, other service providers, community groups, churches, sororities, service clubs, AARP chapters, Women's organizations, hospitals, VA hospitals and disability groups.

Board Governance should be restricted based on the mission of the advocacy network.

Funding should include dues, donations, foundation funding or grants, federal funding and fees. Funding will need to be verified and access all funding sources.

Activities and Programs should include education, information, advocacy, organizing, fundraising and legal creation.

Operations should include a paid Executive Director and a volunteer network. Volunteers will be a key in collaboration of an advocacy network.

AGENDA BUILDING & NEXT STEPS

Ms. Henderson, Mr. Foster and Ms. Turnham are going to draft a mission statement and then distribute to all subcommittee members. Ms. Henderson will research how other organizations divide up the 12 districts within the City of Detroit. Some organizations recommended to research are the United Way, City of Detroit and Skillman. Ms. Henderson and Sarah Gleicher will refine the Consumer Advocacy Network mailing list. Once the list is refined Ms. Henderson will split it up on most the subcommittee members to make follow-up phone calls. The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2009 at Detroit Area on Aging from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rachel McLaury

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