



Detroit Long Term Care System Change Task Force
Long Term Care Stakeholder Engagement Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 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 Blvd
Detroit, MI 48207

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eric Foster, Co-Chair
Nida Donar
Hollis Turnham
Amne Talab

STAFF

Joyce Henderson, Facilitator
Rachel McLaury, Recorder

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Thomas Cervenak, Co-Chair
Monique Marks, Co-Chair
Louis Green
Jackie Raxter
Valerie Weatherly
Leslie Wiggins
Kevin Kelley
Kendra Howard
Margie Young
Alfonso Bermea, Jr.
Rufus Gaston
Horatio Vargas
Sarah Gleicher
Sherry McGee
Gale Simmons

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Meeting Minutes— February 4, 2009
Michigan House of Representative 2009-2010 Standing Committee Assignments
Michigan Senate Standing Committee
Components and Structure of Detroit Advocacy Network
Agenda—LTC Stakeholder Engagement Full Committee Meeting

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Eric Foster welcomed all subcommittee members and asked all members to introduce themselves.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Foster asked all subcommittee members to review the meeting minutes. Joyce Henderson made a motion to accept the minutes of February 4, 2009, second by Nida Donar. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE TASKS

A. Update & Review Advocacy Network Mailing Time

Ms. Henderson stated 348 letters have been mailed inviting community stakeholders to meeting for the Long Term Care Advocacy Network that will promote quality long term care options. 15 individuals responded and want to attend the advocacy network informational meeting. As of Monday, February 23, 2009 follow-up phone calls will be made to all individuals that have not responded. The subcommittee members discussed different methods of recruiting community stakeholders to participate in the Advocacy Network informational meeting. Amne Talab asked to receive a flyer to include in the ACCESS newsletter. Ms. Donar stated training will be taking place for Nursing Home volunteers on February 21st and thought that would be a great opportunity to recruit advocates. She also indicated that she will distribute flyers to her students at Wayne State University, School of Social Worker.

B. Review Current List of State Legislators and Committee Assignments

Mr. Foster highlighted members of the Michigan House of Representatives and the standing committee assignments. Mr. Foster stated the standing committee assignment and the name of the Detroit Legislator. Some of the standing committees of interest are: Appropriations, Banking and Financial Services, Families and Children's Services, Health Policy, and Senior Health, Security and Retirement. The subcommittee agreed to discuss at a future meeting what Legislators to target.

Ms. Donar pointed out that the Long Term Care system affects both Republicans and Democrats. She recommends targeting both parties because the chance is high that one of their family members has received bad long term care services and could be helpful in advocating for change in the long term care system.

C. Review and Discuss the Components and Structure of the Advocacy Network

Ms. Henderson reviewed the mission statement and vision of the advocacy network. Ms. Talab suggested the mission statement should represent diversity and all cultural groups.

Mr. Foster reviewed the board governance and membership. The board governance will be comprised of elected, selected, and geographically representation. The thought was to have 12 elected officials one from each Legislative district. Ms. Donar recommended that the geographic area of the Advocacy Network Districts should be based on Senate district rather than Legislative districts. All members agreed 5 elected officials will be chosen one per each Senate district. The remaining board governance will be comprised of members of the stakeholder engagement subcommittee core group, consumers, and caregivers. The board governance including length of tenure of each board member will be detailed in the by-laws of the group.

D. Review Agenda for Advocacy Network Meeting—March 4, 2009

The committee discussed the proposed Advocacy Network Meeting agenda. The group was in agreement with the overall proposed agenda. There was some discussion around the opening item regarding the introduction of participants. Ms. Donar suggested that each participant introduce themselves and tell a little about why they would like to join the network. This suggestion was well received by the group.

AGENDA BUILDING/NEXT STEPS

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Detroit Area Agency on Aging in the Hildred Drew Dale Conference Room, 1st Floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Rachel McLaury

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