



Subcommittee Report

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

MARCH 4, 2009
MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT

Elaine Williams
Roger Myers
Tricia Harney
Geraldine Sanders
Anne Holmes Davis
Michael Simowski
Juanita Hernandez
Charles Reeves
Faiz Eshaki
Barbara Owens
Laura Seriguchi

ABSENT

Jane Church
Gene Payne
Patrick Berry
Steve Larkin
Shelley Kritzman
Patricia A. Blaines-Lake
Mayble Wynter
Karen Watson
Patrick Donnellon
John Thorhauer
Tim Wintermute
Scott Alan Davis
Deanna Mitchell

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Myers called the meeting to order. Mr. Myers had all members to introduce themselves.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Myers spoke about getting the word out to the other members that the ILS Committee is still holding regularly scheduled meetings. Their input is still needed and none of us should lessen our commitment to meet until we complete our charge. The meeting minutes of February 4, 2009 was acknowledged.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. TASK FORCE UPDATE

Faiz Eshaki presented several issues/topics that came out of other subcommittee meetings which are to be presented to our legislative representatives in Lansing.

Faiz talked about President Obama's Stimulus Package of 17 million dollars (plus dollars) that Michigan will receive and how some of the funds will be disbursed to DAAA. About 25% of the funds will be under the jurisdiction of the Governor and 75% will be under the

jurisdiction of counties. About 2.1 million dollars are allocated to Disability Network and then 6 ½ million dollars is allocated to the nursing homes transition. We are advocating this to our committee members and legislative branch. Part of the State budget towards the Stimulus package is broken down in different ways such as:

- Improve quality of rooms in nursing homes from wards to semi-private
- More people to be put to work in the areas of health care services
- Renovations of nursing homes (sprinkler systems by the year 2013)
- Money allocated to Affordable Assisted Living (1.3 million – it may not be allotted this year)
- Provide home and community based services for seniors (7 million dollars are needed)
- Note: A \$2.2 million dollars cut is expected from the Governor's office state wide in health care.

IV. UPDATES

A. TASK FORCE SHARING/UPDATE

Anne Holmes Davis informed the Subcommittee of suggested recommendations to be presented to the Leadership & Steering Committee:

- a. Additional advocacy training classes
- b. How to advocate for the aged
- c. March 16th meeting with Senator Thomas & State Representative
- d. George Cushingberry to review "Policy Recommendations
- e. Dates for meetings

V. NEW BUSINESS

- B. The subcommittee reviewed the ILS policy recommendations which were reviewed on February 12th by the Leadership & Steering Committee. They also decided to review the Phase II work plan at the April 8th meeting.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The upcoming special events dates were also announced again.

March 27 – Greater Grace Policy Forum meeting from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

April 1 - Sacred Heart Public Hearing meeting from 2 – 4 pm

April 2– Historic Trinity Public Hearing meeting from 9:00 am – 11:00 am

April 8– Independent Living Services meeting at DAAA from 3:00 - 5:00 pm

May 15 – Greater Grace LTC Summit from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

VII. ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm

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