



## Subcommittee Report

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

APRIL 8, 2009  
MEETING MINUTES

### PRESENT

Roger Myers – (By Phone)  
Jane Church – (By Phone)  
Geraldine Sanders  
Tim Wintermute  
Charles Reese  
Stephanie Donaldson  
James Pappas  
Anne Holmes Davis  
Barbara Owens

### ABSENT

Patrick Berry - excused  
Patricia A. Blaines-Lake  
Patrick Donnellon  
Scott Alan Davis  
Steve Larkin  
Gena Payne  
Shelley Kritzman  
Deanna Mitchell  
John Thorhauer - excused  
Eugene Racia - excused  
Elaine Williams - excused  
Juanita Hernandez - excused  
Mike Simowski - excused  
Tricia Harney - excused  
Mayble Wynter - excused  
Karen Watson - excused

### **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 noted corrections to meeting minutes: The typo in the name of Charles Reese and the omission of Stephanie Donaldson's name from the March 4, 2009 minutes. Minutes were approved with revisions.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Myers asked Anne Holmes Davis to report on the Public Policy Forum held at the Greater Grace Conference Center on March 27, 2009. About 180 people attended the event. The Public Policy Forum consisted of opening remarks from Senator Buzz Thomas, Mr. Paul Bridgewater as well as a presentation from Besty Rust of Plante Moran, LLC. After the presentation of the Public Policy Agenda developed by the Task Force, everyone was asked to break into twenty round

table discussion groups to react to the Public Policy Recommendations and to look at strategies that will allow us to advocate and implement the proposed recommendations along with funding strategies included in the Federal Economic Stimulus proposal. Anne Holmes Davis provided participants with the instructions for the round table discussions and coordinated report outs from each brainstorm group. Senator Coleman Young provided closing remarks for the half day session. The Public Policy Agenda was well received.

ILS Members reacted to the Public Policy Agenda through discussion. James Pappas asked if nursing care facilities knew about the Economic Stimulus Package. He said it will take about nine months to seek a modification of their Certificates of Need and fire permits for renovations. He said MSHDA has some pre-development funding.

Roger Myers suggested identifying developers interested in developing assisted living or residences for seniors. Anne Davis noted that the Subcommittee did have MSHDA data indicating where potential sites could be beneficial.

Stephanie Donaldson said Friendship Meadows and a number of buildings could provide residential housing with supportive services, if identified. She suggested tracking the loss of clients from Region 1-A to Region 1-B through MI CHOICE.

Charles Reese indicated that the Subcommittee has not looked at the Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) model for Detroit. Tim Wintermute noted that it was important to look at who could be strategic partners for development including the Chamber of Commerce and other stakeholders. He said it was important to sell partners on the creation of jobs.

Roger Myers noted that starting July 1, 2009, **MI CHOICE** clients can be placed in licensed facilities like Adult Foster Care and Homes for the Aged. He said **PVM** and Henry Ford Health System are exploring expanding **PACE** to up to about 900 slots because of a study that was recently completed and the development of a business plan. The group plans to approach Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) with a business/expansion plan for **PACE**.

Mr. Myers said one idea explored was transferring frail **MI CHOICE** clients to **PACE** through **SPE**. The Task Force needs a coordinated and consistent message and strategy for pushing the public policy agenda. Anne Davis noted that a public education strategy has been developed and that the Long term Care Stakeholder engagement Subcommittee is in the process of developing a Community Advocacy Network (CAN) to insure that the Public Policy Agenda is implemented. The network group is to continue the work of the Task Force when it no longer meets.

#### **IV. REVIEW OF THE WORK PLAN**

The Subcommittee reviewed its work plan to determine the next steps. After much discussion, The group decided to focus on the following:

- Continue to identify data and cost information that supports the ILS policy recommendations.

- Identify personal stories that can build a case for policy agenda (Erma Henderson, Tom turner – Residents Who Left to Get Appropriate Services).
- Develop a policy recommendation that will revise Homes for the Aged regulations to remove design and staffing barriers so regulations won't make providers avoid becoming licensed.
- Examine need for a Continuing Care Retirement Community Facility in Detroit – Independent Living to Assisted Living to Nursing Facility Care.
- Use data to identify existing senior residences that can support residential care with supportive services.
- Identify areas that can accommodate affordable assisted living.
- Develop strategic partnerships that can stimulate development of residential care options, affordable assisted living and home and community based care options (PACE, MI CHOICE, etc.)

## **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Presbyterian Villages of Michigan (PVM) is working with Henry Ford Health System's Center for Senior Independent to expand the Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) to up to about 900 clients in three to four other locations in Detroit, Wayne and Oakland County. The residential care option for MI CHOICE clients starts July 1, 2009. At that time waiver clients can be placed in AFC's and HFA's. They are working on a business plan and plan to approach MDCH and CMS.

## **VII. AGENDA BUILDING**

Next meeting on May 8, 2009

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm  
Submitted by: Barbara Owens

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