



## MEETING MINUTES



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

JULY 1, 2009  
MEETING MINUTES

### PRESENT

Elaine Williams  
Roger Myers (By Phone)  
Steve Larkin  
Kino Smith  
Mike Simowski  
John Thorhauer  
Anne Holmes Davis  
Barbara Owens

### ABSENT

Patrick Berry – excused	Eugene Racia - excused
Tim Wintermute – excused	Juanita Hernandez - excused
Patrick Donnellon – excused	Jane Church excused
Scott Alan Davis	Geraldine Sanders
Tricia Harney	Patricia A. Baines-Lake
Stephanie Donaldson – excused	Gena Payne
Shelley Kritzman – excused	Charles Reese
Deanna Mitchell – excused	Laura Seriguchi - excused
	Karen Watson – excused

## I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Mrs. Williams called the meeting to order and asked all members to introduce themselves.

## II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Williams asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 1, 2009. There was a motion by John Thorhauer, seconded by Steve Larkin, to approve the meeting minutes of June 1, 2009. **Motion carried.**

## III. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Williams asked Anne Holmes Davis to provide the Task Force with an update to the Subcommittee. Last Friday, June 26, 2009 the chairs and facilitators of the Leadership Steering Committee met to assess where the Task Force is currently. The Task Force looked at each subcommittee's work to try and determine what they faced through September 30<sup>th</sup>. The following issues were discussed:

- The **Access Subcommittee** will change its focus given the elimination of the Single Point of Entry and focus more on improving access to long term care along with discussions about the community resource database. Additional direction may be needed from the Leadership & Steering Committee.
- **Business & Economic Development Subcommittee** continues to look at ways to improve capital investments for nursing facilities through Economic Stimulus and other resources including Section 232.
- **Independent Living Services Subcommittee** was asked to focus on Affordable Assisted Living and to meet with the Business Economic Development Committee at least once to develop an overall strategy for residential development. Work on PACE and MI CHOICE was moving better than expected.
- The **Long Term Care Stakeholder Engagement Subcommittee** will continue to recruit members for the Community Advocacy Network and training advocates.
- The **Legislative & Regulations Subcommittee** has been able to work with State Representative Bert Johnson to have about 18 of the 21 policy recommendations considered for draft legislation. Key questions were submitted to the Task Force from the Legislative Service Bureau on June 26, 2009 to help with the drafting of blue backs (draft legislation). Some of the key questions centered around how to establish certification standards for non-family members who have Guardianship responsibilities; Medicaid Redetermination, specific language need for Criminal Background Checks, and improving Medicaid Reimbursement. The Legislation and Regulations Committee will be meeting to look at those questions.
- The **Nursing Home Management Subcommittee** wants to develop one public policy recommendation for training; making sure that direct care worker training is available for hospice aides as well as CNA's.
- Some of the subcommittees will be meeting jointly as their work is very similar in many ways. These committees include will Business and Economic Development, Legislation & Regulations and Nursing Home Management.

John Thorhauer said the criminal background check requirements for skilled nursing home care and related services are excessive since each entity requires separate ones.. One standard of "criminal history checks "should be sufficient especially if tied to certification. He said duplication is done a lot by same organizations.)

#### IV. REVISION OF WORK PLAN

The Independent Living Subcommittee reviewed and approved of the revised work plan.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

##### Affordable Assisted Living Update

John Thorhauer was asked to update the subcommittee regarding Porter Hill Manor in Grand Rapids, MI. The Grand Opening was held in June. Porter Hill is an

assisted living facility with about 60 units. Some individuals who live within the complex choose to have their own providers but the patients need to have cross references so that the management and the provider will have contact if an emergency happens. Porter Hill is managed by Genisys Housing Management Corporation. Harold Mass pushed the Affordable Assisted Living project in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Thorhauer will be going to Chicago to look at the “Affordable Assisted Living” project that was recently developed. He wants to examine their start up costs, waiver services, units and how many people are needed.

#### **Local Affordable Assisted Living Project**

A market study is needed and potential sites in Detroit need to be identified. The locations for MSHDA projects need at least 4 acres. This would accommodate a facility plus two small green housings as well. Eight to ten acres should be enough for a great community. The site needs to be a safe area that can be developed.

Mr. Thorhauer said finding CNA’s and other staff should not be difficult, but they may need additional training towards caregiving. We need to partner with Wayne State University and other University and colleges to obtain students who need to get experience and be trained as aides or caregivers, he noted.

#### **Criteria for Affordable Assisted Living**

The Subcommittee reviewed draft criteria for affordable assisted living. The group decided to develop criteria to guide the selection of a site for affordable assisted living through a workgroup.

### **IV. COMMUNITY INNOVATIONS FOR AGING IN PLACE STRATEGY**

Anne Holmes Davis noted that DAAA had held two meetings with Stakeholders but had decided to allow Adult Well Being Services to apply. The Administration on Aging has \$250,000 - \$500,000 grant monies available for this project over three years. The deadline to submit the proposal is July 15, 2009.

### **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Medicaid Billing Training Seminar - July 17<sup>th</sup>  
Congressional Round-Table Seminar (Tentative schedule from September; originally 8/21/09)  
Next Independent Living Services meeting - August 5, 2009 (Rescheduled to 8/20/2009)  
July 31, 2009 Advocacy Training – (All Day)

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.