



**Detroit Long Term Care System Change Task Force
Independent Living Services Subcommittee
Round Table Discussion
October 13, 2008**

Meeting Notes

Present

Elaine Williams, Co-Chair, Detroit Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors
Pamela Alexander, Director of Wellness Services, Detroit Area Agency on Aging
Patricia A. Blaine-Lake, Director of Special Projects, Detroit Housing Commission
Jane Church, Michigan Department of Community Health – Office of LTC Supports & Services
Stephanie Donaldson, Consultant, Aging in Place L.L.C.
Patrick Donnellon, Director of Social Work, Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan – DMC
Pamela Halladay, Social Worker, Hannan Foundation (Attending for Tim Wintermute)
Juanita Hernandez, Member, DAAA Advisory Council
Anne Holmes Davis, Director of Planning, Detroit Area Agency on Aging
Melvin Kaufman, District Manager, Department of Human Services – Oakman/Grand River Office
Marie Seddon, United Methodist Retiree Communities (Attending for John Thornhauer)
Gena Payne, Owner, Passion & Caring Home for the Elderly (Home for Aged)
Yuself Seegars, Independent Living Specialist, Disability Network – Detroit/Wayne
Michael Simowski, Deputy Director, Center for Senior Independence – Program for All Inclusive Care

Absent

Roger Myers, Executive Director, Presbyterian Villages of Michigan - Excused
Patrick Berry, U.S. Department of Housing and Development (HUD) - Excused
Marion Bloye, Bridging Communities - Excused
Shelley Kritzman, Regional Manager, MSHDA – Section 8 - Excused
Barbara Owens, Planning Assistant, Detroit Area Agency on Aging - Excused
Deanna Mitchell, System Change, Michigan Association of Homes and Aging Services – Excused
Mayble Wynter, Administrator, Wynter Adult Foster Care - Excused

I. Meeting Dates & Locations

The ILS Subcommittee members discussed best days, times and locations for meetings. It was determined that the group would meet the first Wednesday of the month from 9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. The best alternate date is the third Wednesday of the month. Anne Holmes Davis has reserved space for the first Wednesday of the month at DAAA. However, she noted that Roger Myers, Co-Chair, has indicated that some meeting space can be secured at various Presbyterian Villages of Michigan buildings. Yuself Seegars said the Disability Network can also host meetings.

A meeting notice for the first meeting was included in the letter of invitation for members:

Wednesday, October 22, 2008
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Hildred-Drew Dale Conference Center
1333 Brewery Park Boulevard – First Floor
Detroit, Michigan 48207

II. Membership Additions

The Subcommittee Facilitator asked if there were any gaps in Subcommittee Membership. Patricia A. Blaine-Lake suggested adding someone from City of Detroit Planning & Development. Elaine Williams recommended the addition of James Robinson of Urban Business Solutions LLC since he is working on a home repair and modification strategy for this target population. Several members suggested tapping the expertise of the Homeless Task Force and recommended Walter Watson of the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation.

III. Review of Scope of Services

Members reviewed the Scope of Work and made several revisions:

- Added developing policy recommendations and strategies for Programs for All Inclusive Care to the scope of work
- Eliminated green houses from the scope of work since new models for nursing home care will be addressed under nursing home management and business and economic development
- Added grand-family housing

IV. Issue Areas

The Subcommittee Facilitator asked members to introduce themselves and to describe any issue or barrier that the Subcommittee should consider as a part of its scope of work. The following issues areas were uncovered:

- Center for Senior Independence - The Program for All Inclusive Care (PACE) has 230 slots for consumers in Wayne County and currently has 195 slots filled. Mike distributed brochures.
- Detroit Housing Commission – The Commission continues to have vacancies for senior housing.
- Serving residents with mental health disparities continues to be an issue particularly in public housing, disability and homeless services.
- Wayne County has limited transitional housing for adults with disabilities.
- The Disability Network is involved in several efforts to place disabled persons from Mt Clemens into services to stop recidivism between Wayne County and Mt. Clemens.
- Language continues to be a barrier for the population targeted and many older persons revert back to their native language as they age. This needs to be addressed within under the Access Subcommittee; however program-specific issues can be addressed the ILS.
- Michigan is in the process of implementing a MI CHOICE Waiver Renewal Project that will allow MI CHOICE consumers transitioning from nursing care facilities to be placed in homes for the aged and adult foster care. Currently MI CHOICE clients can't be placed in these licensed facilities.
- HUD is in the process of re-organizing and establishing an assisted living division.
- The Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan performs home assessments for residents being discharged from the hospital and refers them to home modifications services. More preventative-focused resources are needed.
- Assisted Living is not licensed in Michigan.

- MSHDA plans to expand its Affordable Assisted Housing Project from Oakland and Macomb County into Wayne County if it can find assisted living facilities to participate. The program allows resident transitioning from nursing care facilities to obtain MI CHOICE and Section 8 vouchers and move into the assisted living facility of their choice. The facilities must be assisted living facilities to participate in the program. Under another program, MSHDA is funding UMRC and five other projects by providing financial assistance and program-based MI CHOICE slots to make assisted living affordable. United Methodist Retiree Communities is the Detroit based demonstration project.
- There is a need to look at the varied target populations – older persons, adults with disabilities (physical, developmental, mental impairments) and caregivers.

V. Data Analysis Requirement

The Subcommittee identified areas where data may be needed to support the development of policy recommendations and program development strategies that support system change. Service Descriptions, regulatory oversight, number and type of services, number of persons served, occupancy rate, future demand and barriers to these services need to be determined. Barriers are identified as available, affordable, equitable, and accessible from a financial, quality, capacity, and regulatory standpoint. The following data will be helpful for the group:

- **Adult Foster Care** - Service Description, regulatory oversight, regulations, number and type of adult foster care facilities, number of persons served, occupancy rate, future demand, barriers to adult foster care.
- **Assisted Living** – Service Description, regulatory oversight, regulations, number of assisted living facilities in Wayne County, number of persons, gaps in services, barriers to assisted living.
- **Grand-Family Housing** – Service Description, regulatory oversight, regulations, number of units, future demand, barriers to Grand-Family housing.
- **Homes for the Aged** - Service Description, regulatory oversight, regulations, number and type of homes for the aged, number of persons served, occupancy rate, barriers to homes for the aged.
- **Independent Living Apartments** – Service Description, regulatory oversight, regulations, number of subsidized housing units, types of housing, number of persons served, gaps in services, barriers to affordable housing.
- **Single Family or In-Fill Housing** – Service Description, barriers to aging in place.
- **Transitional Housing** - Service Description, regulatory oversight, regulations, number and type of transitional housing, number of persons served, future demand for this service, barriers to transitional housing.
- **Programs for All-Inclusive Care** – Service Description, regulatory oversight, regulations, number of slots, current capacity, future demand, barriers to PACE services
- **Home Modification Programs in Region 1-A/Wayne County** – Service Description, Providers, Number and type of programs, capacity, barriers to home modification services.

VI. Agenda-Building

At the next meeting the Subcommittee will focus on the following tasks:

- Environmental Scan - Priority Issue Areas Impacting System Change
- Review of Draft Subcommittee Work Plan
- Data Review & Analysis Strategy – Research Findings, Best Practices, Focus Groups

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