



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

Date: Tuesday November 11, 2008
Time: 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Place: The Wellness Plan Building
7700 Second Avenue
Detroit, MI 48202

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eric Foster, Co-Chair
Joyce Henderson, Facilitator
Alfonso Bermea, Jr.
Sara Gleicher
Jacqueline M. Raxter
Horatio Vargas
Valerie Weatherly

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Amina Talabi
Henry Johnson
Leslie Wiggins
Sa'Tricee Coleman
Alex Shulman
Kevin Kelly
Louis Green
Ann Leen
Sherry McGee
Gale Simmons
Kay Andrzejak
Rufus Gaston
Peggy Brey

RECORDER

Kendra Howard

CALL TO ORDER

Eric Foster called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Foster welcomed the members and asked everyone to introduce themselves for the record.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

In 2010, baby boomers will start to move in massive numbers into the aging population. Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAAA) has been planning for this change in demographics for the past 10 years. Studies were done on the closing on facilities and "Dying Before Their Time". The results of these and other surveys revealed that: Many residents within the DAAA area have lack of access of care and services.

Another study looked at the population mix is different. Elderly and frail are with those with AIDS closed head injury or developmental disabilities .Long term care system is a cost burden on the person and the family. All of these studies lead DHS to give a grant to DAAA to develop an effective method of delivery of services. Access and education.

VISION AND PURPOSE

Participants reviewed the flow chart in their binders and discussed the subcommittee's mission and scope of work.

A question was asked, will this be sonly within the DAAA jurisdiction? The answer was yes. We will be the lab of what works and it can be copied in other urban areas.

Studies prove that baby boomers are in complete denial about their future needs of long term care. Who will speak up for specific ethic groups and the frail elderly?

COMMITTEE TASKS

Scope of work

The scope of work was reviewed, and accepted for the most part. Horatio Vargas felt that there needs to be a direct link from the Scope of Work to the deliverables. For the next meeting this area will be retooled and will be reviewed during the next meeting.

There is no group in this area that currently acts as an advocate

Work plan for activities

The work plan was discussed for the group

Review Models for a Consumer Voice for Quality

The group was presented with some models for Consumer Voice for Quality. Hollis Turnham presented three conceptual models with examples for each area (see attachment)

(Resident councils are very active in Washington State. A question was asked, what makes other states (WA, NY, MN) resident councils system successful, is there anything that prevents this from occurring in Michigan? There are people outside the home that are banded together fight for the resident in a council form. Both councils are supported the council paid by a bed tax.

QAAP is the Michigan version of a bed tax. .IN has gotten foundation funding.

Hollis went through organizations in other states.

- FRIA (does not stand for anything) is based in NY
- CARIE based in Philadelphia (see document)
- CANHR based in California. It is a lawyer based group that sues the federal and state governments.
- COVE Communities of Vermont's Elderly, no website information was printed for the meeting. The website for COVE is Vermont elders.com. They have a multi-client lobbyist to represent their interests at the state capitol.
- CWAG based in Wisconsin (see document)
- USA United Seniors Action based in IN.

Seniors are losing their house in Michigan. Michigan was one of the last states to implement the federal regulations.

ESTATE Recovery (see Elder Law for more information.)

A next step will be to dig deeper on one of the model or organizations.

After review and discussion the group will design the model for the advocacy group.

The full advocacy group will meet on January 23, 2009 for the first time.

Timeframe

The committee s working to complete all recommendations for the large advocacy group by mid January.

AGENDA BUILDING/NEXT STEPS

The group will take the next steps.

- 1) Review and modify changes on scope of work
- 2) Review organization presented by Hollis
- 3) Encourage members to review other groups or organizations. If members have other entities, please submit them for the next meeting.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS AND TIMES

The next meeting will be held on December 4, 2008 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wellness Plan Building at 7700 Second Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202. Meeting notices and agendas will be sent prior to the meeting date.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kendra Howard

Attachment

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