



HCBS Partners Panel Notes

February 20, 2015

Introductions

Lori Lippert, Continuing Care Administration

House-keeping rules reviewed; Participants introduced themselves.

HCBS Critical Access Study and Gaps Analysis

Mary Olsen Baker, Aging and Adult Services Division

See PowerPoint.

Q: For the profile of the mental health cohort, is ethnicity broken down any more than black and white?

A: Yes, it was broken down in more detail, but only some of the data was presented on the slide.

Q: On slide 40, PCA and respite are grouped together and respite is listed underneath, why was it grouped that way?

A: Staff will double-check the logic behind the data pull and report back.

Q: What does 'unique providers' mean?

A: The number of unique providers is the number of providers who submitted at least one claim within the time period. Alex noted that Abt (consultants) should roll PCA workers up into agencies so that all data is about agencies.

Q: When the slide references Customized Living does that include 24 hour Customized Living?

A: Yes.

Updates

Jean Wood, Director, Aging and Adult Services Division

Alex Bartolic, Director, Disability Services Division

Update on NF LOC change.

DHS is in regular communications with the lead agencies. The primary question is around the application of criteria by lead agencies. Lead agencies are asking for confirmation that they are thinking about it



correctly. Most are doing so correctly. Other questions are more about operations. DHS will release a bulletin on these topics next week.

Positive Support Rule

Alex shared that the Positive Support Rule (to not allow restrictive practices and restraints except in terms of an emergency) will go in front of the Administrative Law Judge on Monday. The standards are in the licensing rule and waiver application. This will focus on operational details.

Community First Services and Supports (CFSS)

Alex shared that as DHS waits for next steps on CFSS it can determine the type of financial management structure to have in place. There are steps that can be taken now to begin this work. This will facilitate the state's transition to CFSS. More information on this process will be shared at the next Partners Panel meeting.

Changes at DHS

Loren Colman, Assistant Commissioner, Continuing Care for Older Adults

Jennifer DeCubellis, Assistant Commissioner, Community Supports

Loren reminded the group that the DHS Commissioner reorganized elements within the former Continuing Care and Chemical/Mental Health Administrations. One of the driving factors in these changes was the increased visibility of mental health. Another factor is the growing older adult population – services and financing. Additional motivation was to search for better ways of collaborating across mental health, chemical health, disability services, deaf and hard of hearing services, and housing. Continuing Care for Older Adults acknowledges the preference of newer older adults to be referred to in this way.

Jennifer shared that she has been in public service and community service her whole working life. The name of the new administration that she leads is Community Supports, which is really about supporting people in the community in whatever way that makes the most sense to them. Housing is in this administration but it is an agency function and is a critical part of DHS efforts to support people in the most integrated setting.

Q: How do you see the Governor's budget moving the Olmstead Plan forward?

A: There are a lot of opportunities around what's moving right now. We didn't call things out as Olmstead but there are several components moving forward including a number of housing proposals, proposals from DEED and others. Making sure MnCHOICES is responsive, waiver resources are in place, and rates need to be brought up to par to enable providers to sustain and provide high quality services.



Some challenges will be the infrastructure changes that are needed to support people and not programs.

Q: Priorities that I would recommend include funding for the state quality council; expanding funding for Consumer Directed Community Supports to better support employment. Very supportive of reshuffling dollars if needed at the end of the session to fund these priorities.

Q: There is not a lot in the plan that will support people with disabilities seeking employment – especially people with intellectual or developmental disabilities and others using home care services. It is a huge task to get thousands of people jobs, as outlined in the Olmstead Plan.

A: My first response is to ask, is there a plan B? If there is not more funding, is there a plan B, how can we keep moving forward in this area?

Q: It is not just mental health rates that are too low – waiver and nursing home rates are too low as well.

National Core Indicators

Sarah Thorson, Disability Services Division

Kari Benson, Aging and Adult Services Division

See PowerPoint.

Quality of Life Survey

Darlene Zangara, Olmstead Implementation Office

See PowerPoint.

Q: Will the three surveys discussed today be integrated at some point? They seem very similar.

A: The NCI surveys do not meet the requirements in the court order for Olmstead. We will have discussions soon regarding how to maximize resources available to conduct these types of surveys.

Q: How many people were involved in the pilot study?

A: 250 people were surveyed. The report is available on the Olmstead website.

Legislative Roundtable

Partners Panel members shared their efforts underway at the Capitol.



Announcements and Closing

Lori Lippert, Continuing Care Administration

Lori informed the Partners Panel of the meeting schedule for 2015. The next meeting will be on April 18, 9:00 a.m. – noon, MSRS Building, 60 Empire Drive, St. Paul.

Lori encouraged members to share recommendations for topics that should be covered with her.

Attendance

Organizational Affiliation	Name	Present?
AARP	Mary Jo George	
Advocating Change Together (ACT)	Mary Kay Kennedy	
Leading Age Minnesota	Mary Youle	Yes
	Kari Thurlow	
	Danielle Hochhalter	Yes
Alzheimer's Association	Debbie Richman	
Arc Minnesota	Steve Larson	Yes
Association of Minnesota Counties/CBP	Julie Ring	
Association of Residential Resources of Minnesota	Barb Turner	
Brain Injury Alliance	David King	Yes
	Sara Schlegelmiler	
Care Providers of Minnesota	Patti Cullen	
	Jill Schewe	Yes
Consumer Directions, Inc.	Lisa Kampfel	
Frederickson and Byron	Anni Simons	Yes
Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities	Lynne Megan	
Heading Home Minnesota	Laura Kadwell	
HIV Housing Coalition	Gayle Caruso	
	Chuck Peterson	Yes
Institute on Community Integration	Amy Hewitt (Dr.)	
Minnesota Network of Hospice and Palliative Care	Susan Marschalk	
Lifeworks	Vicki Gerrits	Yes
	Judy Lysne	Yes
LPHA – Dakota County	Kay Dickison	
	Andrea Zuber	Yes
LTC Ombudsman	Deb Holtz	
	Sherilyn Moe	
Lutheran Social Services	Jeri Schoonover	Yes
	Susie Schatz	
MACSSA - Anoka County	Jerry Pederson	
Medica - representing MN Council of Health Plans	Susan McGeehan	Yes
Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid – Senior Law Project	Genevieve Gaboriault	
Minnesota Adult Day Services Association	Lynn Buckley	
	Gail Skoglund	
Minnesota Area Geriatric Education Center	Robert Kane	
Minnesota Association of Area Agencies on Aging	Catherine Sampson	



	Lori Vrolson	
Minnesota Association of Centers for Independent Living	Victoria Dalle Molle	
Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health	Debora Saxhaug	
Minnesota Association of Mental Health Centers	Ron Brand	
Minnesota Board on Aging	Gretchen Scheffel	Yes
Minnesota Consortium of Citizens with Disabilities	Rebecca Covington	Yes
Minnesota Council of Child-Caring Agencies	Mary Regan	
Minnesota Department of Health	Mary Cahill Nicole Stockert	
Minnesota Department of Human Services, Disability Services Division	Alex Bartolic	Yes
Minnesota Department of Human Services, Aging and Adult Services Div.	Jean Wood	Yes
Minnesota Disability Law Center	Anne Henry Sean Burke	Yes
Minnesota Organization for Habilitation and Rehabilitation	John Wayne Barker	Yes
Minnesota Home Care Association	Kathy Messerli	Yes
Minnesota Hospital Association	Jen McNertney	
Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging	Mary Lenard	
MN Legislature, Chair House Health and Human Services Finance Comm.	Thomas Huntley	
MN Legislature, Chair House Health and Human Services Policy Comm.	Tina Liebling	
MN Legislature, Chair Senate Health, Human Services Finance Committee	Tony Lourey	
MN Legislature, Chair Senate Health, Human Services Policy Committee	Kathy Sheran	
Minnesota State Council on Disability	Joan Willshire	Yes
	Bob Niemiec	
NAMI Minnesota	Sue Abderholden Dan Evans	
Ombudsman for MH/DD	Roberta Opheim	
SEIU Healthcare MN	David Zaffrann Galen Smith	
State Advisory Council on Mental Health	James Jordan	
TBI Advisory Committee	Manfred Tatzmann	Yes
White Earth Home Health Agency	Jen Stevens	
State Quality Council	Dennis Price	
MN Department of Human Services – Mental Health Division	Lorraine Pierce	
State Quality Council	Tim Sullivan	
State Quality Council	Debbra Swanson	
Medica	Kathy Albrecht	