

## CEO Report to the Northeast Wisconsin Community

October 20, 2011

### District Development and Processes

- **We continue to work with the Department of Health Services on further defining the planning grant deliverables.** We are focusing on the areas that the Department of Health Services has suggested were important which are self determination, integrating long term care and medical care, and demonstrating cost effectiveness.
- **On September 30, the Department of Health Services submitted its first quarterly report on Medicaid expenditures and cost saving plans to the Joint Finance Committee as required by the 2011-2013 State Budget.** There was not much new on the Family Care Enrollment Cap. DHS noted that they are completing a comprehensive review of the Family Care program. DHS noted that their review will focus on developing new opportunities for individuals to direct their own long term care.
- **DHS has identified a list of Long Term Care Issues that they are discussing internally and asking for input.** The list is as follows:
  - Residential
    - Elderly and Assisted Living (AL)
    - Developmental Disabilities and Adult Family Homes/CBRFs
    - Youth in Transition
    - Nursing Facilities (NF)
  - NF/AL Intervention/Diversion
  - ADRCs
  - Vocational Services
  - Consumer-Directed Care/IRIS
  - Youth in Transition
  - Flexibility and Recent CMS Guidance on Use of Services within Waivers
  - Capacity Building/Performance Improvement/Coordination Between LTC Settings
    - NFs
    - Mental Health/State Centers (Crisis Response/Community Stabilization)
    - Family Care/IRIS
  - Consistency/Level Playing Field Between Programs
  - Efficiencies/Program Integrity
  - New MCOs

### Planned Deliverables

- **Following are the major areas in our planned deliverables:**
  1. Develop a Family Care option having a central focus on self determination. Our intent would be to look at increasing the use of self determination in the current waiver programs. This would allow us to begin working with an existing program and lay the foundation for Family Care and IRIS when they come to this area.

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2. Explore options for managing and/or impact total costs including long term care costs and medical costs.
  3. Pursue DHS commitment to move ahead with Family Care expansion in Northeast Wisconsin. This will require further work in demonstrating the financial impact on costs in moving ahead with Family Care.
- **I have requested DHS provide us their plans for Northeast Wisconsin by January 1, 2012** to allow us to focus the energies of everyone to achieve the desired outcomes of DHS and NEW FC.
  - **Once DHS has established a timeline for expansion, we would like 12 months lead time before going operational.**
  - **Work continues on several of our planned deliverables:**
    1. We have scheduled a “Big Learning Event” on Self Determination for November 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be a day-long event and will include several presentations and small group discussions. We are targeting to invite about 100 people including consumers, families, care giver and/or guardians, providers, DHS leadership, NEW FC Board, County and Tribal Human Services/Community Programs Directors and Long Term Care Supervisors, legislators, schools, advocates and selected other individuals. Invitations are in the process of being sent out.
    2. Several provider organizations will be sponsors of the Big Learning Event including ASPIRO, NEW Curative, Homes for Independent Living, My Innovative Services, Visions of NEW, Clarity Care and Cerebral Palsy (CP.)
    3. Community Care of Central Wisconsin, a Managed Care Organization based in Stevens Point, will be a supporting sponsor of the event.

### Other

- **Green Bay Press Gazette had an editorial urging moving ahead with Family Care.**
- **We have added a page on our website on self direction and will be providing resource materials on that page.**

### Key Messages

- **Following are key messages you are welcome to share:**
  1. NEW FC is working closely with DHS on further defining specific areas of focus during the current time. Areas of focus in our planning include:
    - a. Planning for increased self determination
    - b. Planning for impacting cost costs through alignment or integration of long term care services and medical services
    - c. Further analysis on the cost impact of Family Care expansion to Northeast Wisconsin
  2. DHS staff have indicated that they have determined that Family Care is cost effective compared to current home and community based waiver programs i.e. Family Care is lower cost.
  3. NEW FC along with several of the region’s providers will be holding a “Big Learning Event” in November on Self Determination. We have invited the Secretary of DHS and the Deputy Secretary to attend as participants. Two other members of the DHS leadership team are planning on attending.

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4. DHS is currently reviewing all of the long term care programs and determining what, if any, design changes that they want to make.
5. The passed State Budget allows the Wisconsin Secretary of Health Services to move on expansion with Family Care if he determines it would be cost effective. Cost effectiveness was determined by the Legislative Joint Finance Committee—which means that Family Care costs would be less than current waiver costs. The Department of Health Services has recently indicated that Family Care is less expensive than current waiver programs.
6. We requested DHS Leadership let us know by January 1, 2012, their plans for Northeast Wisconsin.
7. Please check the NEW FC web page regularly for updates. A page on self direction has been added to the web page.

If you have any questions and or need additional information, please feel free to give me a call at 920-857-9854 and/or email me [rolf.hanson@new.rr.com](mailto:rolf.hanson@new.rr.com).

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