

**MINUTES
NEW LTC DISTRICT
ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS PLANNING MEETING
March 29, 2010**

Present: Robin Elsner, Kathy Just, Bob Fraik, (Marinette County); Mike Reimer, Craig Johnson, Loretta Shellman, Lois Trevor (Oconto County); Patrick Evans, Jill Rowland, Tom Hinz, Jean O'Leary, Brian Shoup, Carole Andrews (Brown County); Rick Kane, Kim Wolfmeyer, Barbara Larson-Herber, John Gallagher, Steve Guetles, (Shawano County); Bill Kelsey, Carol Patterson, Janice Swoboda, Jim Abrahamsen (Kewaunee County); Joe Krebsbach, Roger Tepe, Mike Van Ess, Ben Meyer, Mark Moeller (Door County); Brandon J. Cooper, Oneida Nation; Julie Button, Amy Panosh, board on Aging and LTC; John Bloor, N.E.W. Curative; Tom Diedrick, Options; Mike Duschene, Aspiro; Barbara Nelson, Menominee County; Rolf Hanson, NEW Planning Director, and Mary Kennedy (NEW Project Consultant)

Changes or Additions to the Agenda

No changes or additions

Minutes of November 30, 2010 Meeting

No changes or additions

Fiscal Agent Report

Barbara Larson-Herber provided an update of her activities with Shawano County serving as Fiscal Agent including financial report, status of hiring of an administrative assistant, office equipment, office phones and meetings with the State.

Planning Director Update

The Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) have an association which meets monthly in Madison generally in the morning of the second Wednesday. This association has included NEW in their meetings and Rolf is now attending these meetings. Mary Kennedy had attended these meetings previously. The meeting agendas cover topics germane to Family Care.

Following the monthly MCO meetings, the MCOs then meet with staff from the Department of Health including Susan Crowley who is the Administrator of the Long Term Care Division.

Susan Crowley held two meetings with provider trade organizations and providers in response to concerns relating to provider communication and the role of providers in Family Care. Some MCOs also attended these sessions. Rolf indicated that he understood that the Department of Health Services will begin providing additional communication to providers on Family Care. He also said that Susan Crowley is currently assessing what additional communications would be helpful.

Rolf said that Thomas Cook, the Executive Director of Rehabilitation for Wisconsin, has requested a meeting on behalf of his members in the NEW region with the County Directors and Rolf to share information about the Community Rehabilitation Programs in the NEW region. The Directors and Rolf will be meeting with Mr. Cook and his members on April 16th.

Rolf indicated that there has been a legislative request for an audit of the State Medicaid Program as well as Family Care.

ADRC Updates

Bill Kelsey said that Kewaunee County is working with Manitowoc County to develop a joint ADRC and Buck Rhyme is facilitating the meetings between the two Counties. Bill indicated that they are looking at having 2.5 staff.

Roger Tepe said the Door County planning is continuing with the Aging Department being the focal point. There are three agencies involved in the planning.

Robin Elsner said that Marinette is planning on developing its own ADRC. He said there had been earlier discussion with Florence County.

The Wolf River ADRC planning (Oconto, Menominee, Shawano, Menominee Tribe, and Strockbridge-Munsee Tribe) continues but they are ready to submit an application as soon as State funding is available.

Brown County has an existing ADRC

Planning Update

Rolf provided a Power Point presentation on Family Care and Managed Care beginning with the philosophy of Family Care. The following are the major points he covered:

- Philosophy of Family Care: Access, Choice, Quality and Cost-Effectiveness and the right service in the right amount, at the right time; Person-Centered; Outcomes-Driven
- Long Term Care Managed Care is proactively managing LTC resources to insure that members receive the right care at the right time in the right amount of services to achieve their desired outcomes
- NEW Family Care District will receive a monthly capitation for each member and NEW is accountable for arranging and financially responsible for arranging all care
- The Interdisciplinary Care Teams are integral to the operations of the organization
- NEW will have to develop the managed care infrastructure includes care management, finance, claims processing, member services, quality assurance, health promotion, data collection and reporting, regulatory compliance, provider network in addition to the normal business functions.

Rolf is preparing a budget to submit to the State DHS to cover the period up to beginning operations which will likely be sometime in early 2012. DHS has continued to indicate that they intend to move forward with NEW in the next biennium. DHS needs the budget information for their submission for the next biennium.

Rolf intends to provide an overview of the major assumptions in the proposed budget at the next meeting.

The following questions were asked during this portion of the meeting:

- Would Rolf email the major areas of focus to the Elected Officials Committee? Rolf intends to provide periodic email updates to the Committee. The web site will also be periodically updated with information.
- What impact, if any, will the recently passed Federal Health Care legislation have on Family Care? DHS will be providing the Family Care Managed Care Organizations their assessment at the next joint meeting in mid April of what, if any, impact there might be. Information will be passed on to Elected Officials and Directors once it is known.
- Will the Functional Screen be changed which could result in less eligible members? The State would need to get Federal approval to change the screen since the purpose of the screen is to determine the nursing home level of care.
- Does the DHS website have samples of provider contracts? NEW will need to submit provider contracts that we intend to use to DHS for their approval. This would occur in 2011. Provider contracts will contain a significant number of clauses that are required by DHS and or CMS.
- What will the enrollment be and how much revenue will there be? The Steering Committee will be updating the current enrollment projections. We may be able to provide updated enrollment and revenue projections at the next meeting.

Policy Maker Forum

The Steering Committee is planning to hold a Policy Maker Forum in May for County Board members, County Executives, Directors and other key county or tribal staff as determined by the Counties and Tribes. The purpose of the forum is to bring together all policy makers from the region to receive the same information on Family Care, the steps to form the District and the work that needs to be done to establish a functioning organization.

The agenda for the forum will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Reports from the Counties and Oneida Nation

Representatives from the Counties and Oneida Nation presented information on their activities related to Family Care.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Elected and Appointed Officials Committee is scheduled for Monday April 26, 2010, from 1-3 PM at the NEW Family Care office.