

MINUTES
NEW LTC DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE
September 4, 2009

Present: Kim Wolfmeyer, Barbara Larson-Herber, Rick Kane, Shawano County; Mike Reimer, Craig Johnson, Oconto County; Robin Elsner, Glenn Sartorelli, Judy Drier, Marinette County; Roger Tepe, Cindy Ehlers, Door County; Bill Kelsey, Carol Patterson, Kewaunee County; Jean O’Leary, Jayme Sellen, Brown County; Dave Larson, Oneida Tribe; Paul Soczynski, Barb Moore, Community Care, Inc Mary Kennedy, Project Manager

Additions and Modifications to the Agenda

None.

Minutes of August 19, 2009 Meeting

No additions or corrections

Updates from Mary Kennedy

The MCOs have formed a Family Care Association. They meet separately on the same day they later meet with the State and also have a monthly conference call. Paul Soczynski will suggest NEW be invited to attend, without paying Association fees, until such time as the NEW group implements Family Care. The Steering Committee asked Mary Kennedy to participate in these meetings and conference call.

Mary attended the state training on the 2008 data disc. Mary suggested the NEW group analyze utilization and cost data by county from the data disc. The notification of 2010 capitated rates has been delayed until September 21, 2009. Mary will attend the meeting when the actuary presents the rates.

Mary and Bill Kelsey will be meeting soon with Mark Fontanna to set up the web site.

The Supervisors functioning as the Care Management Task Force will meet after the Steering Committee to set up Family Care Introduction training.

Update on ADRC Planning

Brown County ADRC is not in a position to consider partnering with Kewaunee County so Kewaunee and Door Counties are discussing a combined ADRC. Marinette County will continue talking with Florence County about a joint ADRC but may seek authorization for a single county ADRC. Buck Rhyme is meeting with the “white” counties to discuss ADRC development and Marinette County has been invited.

Discussion of Wisconsin Retirement System Notification timing

The notification to Wisconsin Retirement System of intent to participate has to be done by the governing body of the organization by November 15 of the year preceding implementation. If the NEW group intends to start hiring staff in the fall of 2011, the notice would need to be given by November 15, 2010. Options to deal with the timing issues were discussed: 1) Try to get special legislation to change the notice date for the NEW District (not a solution that could be counted on); 2) Hold off hiring staff until 2012 (would delay implementation until late spring of 2012; 3) Have the employees hired by a county until January 2012 (Counties probably not willing to set up systems to hire various management and care management positions for a short time and employees probably not willing to change benefit systems within a few months of employment) or 4) Establish the District by November 2010 and do the notification to WRS. At this time, option number four is preferable but the situation might change by this time next year. Mary will revise the work plan to highlight the November 2010 notice date and decision about establishment of the District.

Discussion of Stakeholder Process

Due to time constraints, this issue is being held over until the September 23, 2009 meeting,

Updates on Family Care

Paul Soczynski provided updates on Family Care. All MCOs now need to be certified by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner and the trigger is a more extensive business plan due in the fall,

There is a MCO/State committee working on care management issues. Mary Kennedy will contact the Committee regarding participation by NEW Care Managers.

Discussion of Expansion of Partnership in Northeast Wisconsin

Paul Soczynski and Barb Moore presented information on the Partnership benefit. About 20% of managed care enrollees choose Partnership. When Community Care applied for a Special Needs application for Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago, they also applied for Brown County since the provider network is regional. The Partnership program is authorized through 2011 and there seems to be Congressional support for considering the Massachusetts, Minnesota and Wisconsin programs in a special category; likely assuring continued support despite potential changes in the Medicare Advantage Plans. It is not sure if Partnership will be able to be implemented in all the NEW counties because of provider limitation. If the NEW LTC District intends to implement Family Care in 2011, Community Care would need to complete the Special Needs application by February 2010.

There was discussion of the value of the Partnership benefit for persons with complex medical needs or provider situations requiring extensive care management. Having both the Partnership and Family Care benefits operated by two agencies could be more confusing for consumers and providers. However, the system is moving toward more standardized purchasing practices among MCOs which could assist with this.

Suggestions for projects and activities

Community Care presented an inventory of items to be completed for the RFP and some suggestions for a Technical Assistance contract. Priorities would be 1) hiring staff, 2) analyzing impact on counties, 3) developing Task Forces for Governance, Network, County Relations, Communications, Care Management, and Infrastructure. Each Task Force would begin working on their components of the Inventory. Community Care would provide all their documents, excluding a few proprietary documents (like rate setting), to the NEW without cost. This would include MOUs with counties, Provider contracts, Nursing/social work Assessment, Plan of Care, Self Directed Services, Handbooks, Directories, Marketing materials, etc. Some of Community Care's services would be considered "neighborly" and, therefore, not billed to NEW. Community Care presented options for an hourly, project based or retainer (fixed rate per month for agreed upon deliverables) system.

Recruitment strategies and timeline for Planning Director and Fiscal Officer

The NEW group intends to revise the job ad and re advertise in specialized list serves or provider groupings. It was suggested that the ad emphasize the options for health insurance and specify the job location would be Green Bay. Community Care offered to employ the individuals if health insurance were a critical factor. As soon as a contract is signed with Community Care, Barb Larson and Mary Kennedy will share the information on applicants with Paul and Barb Moore. This will be followed by a conference call with the Search and Screen Committee to finalize the advertising process.

Update from the Tribes

Dave Larson, Oneida Tribe, updated the group on an upcoming meeting with the State the end of September. The Tribe has received a letter from CMS verifying the 100% reimbursement of services through Tribal Health Services.

Discussion of next Elected Officials meeting

The meeting will be held September 28, 2009 at 1:00. There will be three agenda items: Milestones and Work Plan, review Power Point and stakeholder materials and discuss a potential contract for legal services. Mary Kennedy will research availability and costs for legal service

Discussion of Technical Assistance Contract

The NEW group authorized Barb Larson-Herber to negotiate a contract with Community Care on a retainer basis.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be September 23, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The Elected Officials will meet September 28, 2009 at 1:00. The Care Management Task Force will meet at 11:00 a. m. September 23, 2009

