

## MINUTES

### JOINT INFORMATIONAL MEETING OF THE HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE, CCSA BOARD, DSS BOARD, AND SAMARITAN COMMITTEE

February 19, 2007

10:30AM Multi-Purpose Room at Samaritan

Those Present: Charlene Brady, Dan Stoffel, Jim Spindler, Maury Strupp, Rick Gundrum, Roy Justman, Paul Tuchscherer, Les Borman, Kim Nass, Ralph Hensel, Don Kempf, Mel Ewert, Sara Follett, Harold Groth, Jim Schwartz, Sue Haag, Gary Moschea, Tom Sackett, Lynn Dee Murphy, Jim Strachota, Michael Bloedorn, Ed Somers, Linda Olson, Jenny Kertscher, Judy Steinert, Ruth Reines, Kay Thuecks, Sandy Engle-Gordon, Karon Kraft, Carolyn Mangan-Casey

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Charlene Brady called the meeting to order for Health and Aging at 10:30AM and gave notice of posting.

Chairperson Dan Stoffel called the meeting to order for Samaritan.

Chairperson Jim Spindler called the meeting to order for CCSA.

Chairperson Maury Strupp reconvened the meeting for DSS.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Those present introduced themselves. Ed Somers introduced the presenters as Linda Olson, Michael Bloedorn, Jim Strachota, and Jenny Kertscher.

### **LONG-TERM CARE REFORM & AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER**

A powerpoint presentation concerning long-term care reform (Family Care) and an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) was presented by Linda Olson, Michael Bloedorn, and Jim Strachota. Those present were given copies of the powerpoint as well as a chart on services offered by an ADRC and who those services are provided to. A question and answer session followed the presentation. It was also stated that each committee would be discussing a resolution regarding an ADRC in March/April. The proposed start date for a Washington County Aging and Disability Center is July 1, 2007.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 11:45AM by Chairpersons Jim Spindler, Dan Stoffel, Maury Strupp, and Charlene Brady.

Submitted by:

Jenny Kertscher  
Department of Social Services

## Q&A

1. Jim Spindler- Sounds like funding for ADRC won't be a problem and that the problem will be in funding FC. What's the state using as pressure to get counties to participate?

Jim Strachota- We will lose all current funding for LTC as it will be replaced by FC. At risk for DD is \$11.6 million. That's why Racine and Kenosha decided to only do the ADRC in their counties and not participate in FC.

Mike Bloedorn- Caution that this FC process is an open bidding one so anyone can compete w/the consortiums and counties that have been working w/CMOs. Rumor is Evercare from MN and Aurora are considering bids.

2. Don Kempf- If FC is regionalized, would a person have to move to another area (city) in order to get help?

Jim Strachota- FC is about client choice. The services that we offer now in this county would continue to be made available to people.

Mike Bloedorn- Our county has 2 CMOs that are interested in providing FC here.

Jim Strachota- The County Board could vote to do FC for a specific population (ie DD).

3. Les Borman- If FC uses capitated rates, do you get an increase?

Mike Bloedorn- The amt of money goes up each year.

Les Borman- Can the county opt out if they decide FC isn't working for us?

Jim Strachota- The county can vote on a regional involvement in FC districts.

Mike Bloedorn- Contracts for FC are signed yearly.

Lynn Dee Murphy- If we don't do FC, can the county go back to the current system?

Jim Strachota- No.

4. Dan Stoffel- How are the capitated rates determined?

Jim Strachota- There are 3 levels of care that are determined by the ADRC screening process. A person can be re-screened if their level of need changes. The amts for each level are driven by the current T19 population.

Mike Bloedorn- The 3 CMOs that are involved in our FC consortium are already doing this in the pilot counties.

Linda Olson- Stats show that 80-85% of the people who use ADRC services do not need public benefits so only 15-20% of people will need and be eligible for FC.

5. Lynn Dee Murphy- Could you give an example of a DD person you are currently serving and how they would be served in FC?

Jim Strachota- The larger the population you serve, the more money there is in the overall pot so that expenses are spread across all people being served. The hope is then that the current level of services for DD in our county would continue or even improve.

Mike Bloedorn- There is a standardized process in FC that uses a team approach of the family, a nurse, and a social worker that use the RAD method of setting up a plan based on needs and not wants. In FC, there are no wants, only needs.

Linda Olson- There is also an appeals process for a person if they feel their plan does not adequately meet all their needs.

Mike Bloedorn- The county will be doing a “road show” of public forums to educate the public on these topics just as we are doing today.

6. Tom Sackett- There are 12 counties in our FC region, is anyone else asking to go alone?

Mike Bloedorn- Washington Co is the only one.

7. Dan Stoffel- How will FC eliminate the wait lists?

Mike Bloedorn- The CMOs we are working with in our consortium have staff that are working all of these things out and estimate that based on our wait list numbers they can eliminate the wait list here within 2yrs. Open cases will be converted first.

Jim Strachota- Eliminating wait lists and the money following the person are keys to FC.

Mike Bloedorn- The money following the person is key. However, if FC takes too much of the county’s community aids monies then it could impact child welfare services.

8. Ralph Hensel- Is the ADRC a mandate?

Linda Olson- If our county wants to have FC, yes.

Mike Bloedorn- We originally planned to have a joint ADRC effort with Ozaukee Co but are now only discussing sharing certain things like marketing.

Jim Strachota- The state is providing the funding for ADRCs.

9. Lynn Dee Murphy- Will funding for the ADRC continue after 2yrs?

Linda Olson- Yes, with the T19 billing that is done.