

COMMUNITY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL

April 28, 2015

Present:

- Tamara Prisock (IDHW Director Designee)
- Steve Lish ((RALF IHCA Administrator)
- Keith Fletcher (RALF At-large Administrator)
- Leroy Smith (CFH Resident/Family Member Representative)
- Rebecca Solders (CFH Representative)
- Kris Ellis (IHCA Executive Director Appointee)
- Trinette Middlebrook, IDHW (Council Support)
- Kathie Garrett (Mental Health Advocate)
- Mary Blacker (CFH Provider Representative)
- Christine Pisani (Developmental Disabilities Council)
- Jim Varnadoe (RALF At-Large Administrator – DHW Appointee)
- Charlene Pickering (IHCA Appointee)
- Cathy Hart (Idaho Ombudsman for the Elderly)

Teleconference or Video Conference:

- Eva Blecha (CFH Provider Representative), Vice Chair
- Cathy McDougall (AARP)
- Sharol Aranda (CFH Provider Representative)
- Pamela Estes (CFH Provider Representative)
- Elishia Smith (RALF Resident/Family Member Representative)

Absent:

- Angela Eandi (DisAbility Rights Idaho)
- Bryan Elliott (RALF IHCA Administrator)

Guests:

- Jamie Simpson, IDHW
- Karen Vasterling, IDHW
- Tony Smith, IHCA

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The council convened at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room D-East of the Medicaid/Licensing & Certification Central Office located at 3232 Elder Street in Boise, Idaho. Eva Blecha was unable to attend in person and asked Tamara Prisock to facilitate the Council meeting.

**Motion:** Adopt the January 20, 2015 minutes meeting as written.

**So Moved:** Steve Lish

**Seconded:** Mary Blacker

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Unanimous

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### Membership – Tamara

CCAC Membership and officer selection expired January 2015 for the following members:

1. Kathie Garrett, Advocate for Individuals with Mental Illness
2. Eva Blecha, CFH Provider – Vice Chair
3. Scott Burpee, RALF Administrator, Chair
4. Gloria Keathley, RALF Family Member

**Voting:** Continue Kathie Garrett's membership.  
**So Moved:** Mary Blacker  
**Seconded:** Catherine Pickering  
**Discussion:** None  
**Vote:** Unanimous

- **ACTION:** All CCAC members will solicit for the RALF Family Member position that remains open.

Proposal – Future voting will be held in October for new members/officers to start in January. Terms last two (2) years.

**Motion:** Vote for membership and officers in October every two (2) years.  
**So Moved:** Leroy Smith  
**Seconded:** Jim Varnadoe  
**Discussion:** Brief  
**Vote:** Unanimous

#### Officer Elections – Tamara

Tamara asked the Council for any floor nominations to which there were none voiced. Nominees were asked to 1) Talk about background, 2) Explain why there are interested in serving as an officer, and 3) What they hope to accomplish in the next two years.

#### CHAIR

##### Steve Lish

Steve has been an administrator for Discovery Care Center in Salmon since 1987 after starting in a home health facility in 1984. He feels this is an opportunity to serve and believes that to bring about change is to determine quality and finding/identifying need. He wants to focus on behaviors and how to set up appropriate environments as there is a definite need and a lack of facilities.

**Motion:** Voting for Chair  
**Vote:** 17 votes 'Aye' – 1 vote 'Abstain'  
**Outcome:** Steve Lish is now acting CCAC Chair

#### VICE CHAIR

Kris Ellis was a legislator in Northern Idaho and is the Director of Policy and Legislative Services for IHCA. She sees the timing as an opportunity to get reports to legislators earlier. She wants to focus on access issues and also on technology and rules and what is NOT mentioned in those rules.

Christine Pisani has worked with Alzheimer's, dementia patients and in the senior community. She is now the Director of the DD Counsel and specializes in working with adults with developmental disabilities. She would like to work on CMS, and HCBS rules and the perception of compliance. She is working on a U of I study and will keep the Counsel informed. She would like to focus on challenging behaviors and the compliance of rules. Another issue she sees is CFH – DD mostly – and a way to improve connectivity with those participants.

**Motion:** Voting for Vice Chair  
**Vote:** Kris Ellis – 7 votes 'Aye'  
Christine Pisani – 11 votes 'Aye'

**Outcome:** Christine Pisani is now acting CCAC Vice Chair

**Discussion:** The possibility of 2 Co-Chairs in the future. This requires a change in by-laws.

**\*\*Voting Record for officers is available through the CCAC Support Person.**

#### RALF Rules vs. CFH Rules – Tamara

Tamara asked the Counsel what is the desired outcome and reason behind this exercise.

- Keith - Exercise could ferret out rules that no longer apply or are no longer necessary. Should both programs have it? Eliminate rules and regulations that have no meaning.
  - Cathy Hart – State that it sounds like a workgroup activity.
  - Christine Stated that it could intersect with HCBS (payment only).
  - Keith asked if the rules would be valuable regardless of Medicaid payments – CMS.
  - Christine asked if the rules of both programs would be alike. She sees them as apples and oranges.
  - Tamara pointed out that we had in depth rule changes last year in the RALF Program.
  - Eva voiced a concern of commercializing CFHs like RALFs.
- ACTION: Tamara will consult with both programs.
  - ACTION: Kris volunteered to put together a comparison of rules (CFH/RALF) by next meeting.
  - ACTION & AGENDA ITEM: Christine will contact Michelle Turbert for HCBS rules topic for next meeting.

#### Assessment Committee – Christine and Cathy H.

Angie Eandi sent the InterRai information to Council members. Tamara asked if the Council sub-committee was suggesting that the InterRai replace the UAI. She stated that the another assessment instrument could definitely be looked at to satisfy licensing and certification requirements, but the Division of Medicaid would be the entity in the Department for providers and other stakeholders to work with if the idea is to replace the UAI for Medicaid reimbursement purposes. Subcommittee includes: Cathy H., Cathy M., Christine and Angie.

- Keith stated that it is a mixed assessment and NOT a Medicaid assessment.
  - Elishia stated that if the information is withheld they are still responsible for it. They need information from the Medicaid database – the UAI where behavioral issues are logged. We cannot get information until AFTER they live in the facility.
  - Christine stated that people are cycling in and out. Where are they going? What are we doing to support facilities with folks that are more challenging?
  - Eva stated there is training available to direct care providers with clients with intense behaviors.
- ACTION: Tamara will look into how the process used to be. What about UAI data before as opposed to after? No data promotes an uneducated admission.
  - AGENDA ITEM: Add to July's agenda for an update from advocates and Tamara.

#### CCAC Annual Report | Items to Include – Keith

Keith gave an overview of his Annual Report presentation to the House Health and Welfare Committee.

Tamara and Kris also updated Council members about the meeting Department staff and IHCA staff and members had with legislators that included Rep. Packer, Rep. Pence, and Sen. Martin. Those legislators are interested in helping to solve the challenges related to residential placements for individuals with mental illness or dementia who exhibit difficult behaviors. IHCA is working with BSU to study the scope of the issue in Idaho.

Items to include in next report:

1. Difficult Behaviors
2. Follow-up from previous year may be valuable to get traction.
3. CFH rule changes for 2016 legislative session.

#### IHCA Schedule for October – Tony Smith

There are no conflicts with CCAC meetings with the following IHCA events.

1. IHCA Convention and Tradeshow is July 20-24, 2015
2. IHCA Fall Workshop is October 21-22.

#### Changes to 911 Calls – Elishia Smith

Elishia stated that the Police Department made some changes in February. Mental Health Director was to be hired. She was reassured of training and education for officers – Positive changes are showing! Police have been respectful and asked about clients. They will not transport clients but give clients phone numbers to call.

#### 2014 RALF Report – Jamie Simpson

Jamie reviewed the report that was handed out to membership.

#### CFH Vacancy List – Karen Vasterling

Karen gave a brief review. There are still occurrences of CFHs holding beds open. The CFH program can help with safe placement of participants but a CFH must contact the CFH program if there is an emergency placement from one CFH to another CFH.

#### Legislative Update | CFH Rules – Tamara and Karen Vasterling

1. RALF rules were approved and are effective July 1, 2015.
  2. VA Medical Foster Homes were approved and effective July 1, 2015.
  3. There was approved funding for a new RALF surveyor.
  4. New software database was approved for RALF.
  5. CFH – Negotiated Rulemakings meeting have been scheduled:
    - a. May 26, 2015 – Boise
    - b. June 10, 2015 – Pocatello
    - c. June 16, 2015 – CDA
  6. CFH program is working on a draft of rule changes. Karen will present the draft rule docket to the Council during the July meeting. The rule changes go to the Board of Health and Welfare in November, and if approved by the Board, will be presented to the 2016 Legislature for final approval.
  7. Karen is the contact for items to be posted to the CFH website. Training through Youtube will focus on common deficiencies found through survey.
- AGENDA ITEM: Karen will provide a rules draft to the Counsel in the July meeting. CFH draft will be posted to the external website by May 8, 2015 and will also post training opportunities through Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube.
- ACTION: Karen will get Facebook and Twitter accounts to Trinette to share with the Council.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Tamara  
**Seconded:** All  
**Approved:** Tamara

**Adjourned 3:40 p.m.**

The next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2015.

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