

COMMUNITY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL

July 29, 2014

Present:

- Scott Burpee (RALF At-large Administrator), Chair
- Eva Blecha (CFH Provider Representative), Vice Chair
- Tamara Prisock (IDHW Director Designee)
- Christine Pisani (Developmental Disabilities Council)
- Robert Vande Merwe (IHCA Executive Director)
- Elishia Smith (RALF Resident/Family Member Representative)
- Keith Fletcher (RALF At-large Administrator)
- Angela Eandi (DisAbility Rights Idaho)
- Kathie Garrett (Mental Health Advocate)
- Gloria Keathley (RALF Resident Representative)
- Leroy Smith (CFH Resident/Family Member Representative)
- Brett Waters (RALF IHCA Administrator)
- Bryan Elliott (RALF IHCA Administrator)
- Cathy Hart (Idaho Ombudsman for the Elderly)
- Rebecca Solders (CFH Representative)

Teleconference or Video Conference:

- Sharol Aranda (CFH Provider Representative)
- Pamela Estes (CFH Provider Representative)

Absent:

- Mary Blacker (CFH Provider Representative)
- Steve Lish ((RALF IHCA Administrator)
- Cathy McDougall (AARP)

Support:

- Trinetta Middlebrook, IDHW

Guests:

- Kris Ellis, IHCA
- Karen Vasterling, IDHW
- Patrick Hanes, RALF
- Cecil Wedel, RALF
- Barbara Little
- Jamie Simpson, IDHW
- Tony Smith, IHCA

The council convened at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room D-East and D-West of the Medicaid/Licensing & Certification Central Office located at 3232 Elder Street in Boise, Idaho.

Motion: Adopt the April 29, 2014 minutes meeting as written.

So Moved: Leroy Smith

Seconded: Bryan Elliot

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed

Keith Fletcher inquired about Nurses and the destruction of prescription medications and any follow up. Scott Burpee suggested that we put this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Scott Burpee, Council Chair, explained that the public comment topics will be moved to the end of the meeting providing that time allows.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Membership – Scott Burpee

Vacated position in the Council for a CFH Provider needs appointment.

Motion-Nomination of Rebecca Solders: Scott Burpee

So Moved: Brett Waters

Seconded: Leroy Smith

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed unanimously

- Trinette Middlebrook will email Rebecca a new member packet.

Advocates Input into Council Goals – Christine Pisani, Kathie Garrett, Angie Eandi, Cathy Hart

Please refer to handout (CCAC_AdvocatesInput_CouncilGoals.pdf) that was provided. Action items for each point of discussion are as follows:

1. Advocates will appoint a subcommittee and will make a presentation in October about progress that has been made.
 - a. Kathie G. Suggested the council makes sure it uses ‘people first language’. For example, we need to refer to “individuals with mental illness” rather than “mentally ill people.”
2. A suggestion was made that council members identify existing training available through the Department and through advocacy groups and provide those resources to Jamie Simpson for her review and possible posting on the Residential Assisted Living web page so they will be available to a wider audience. At the next meeting Jamie will outline what has been added.
3. The advocates discussed another idea they would like to see explored – the development of something like a crisis team by either expanding or developing a service system that is already available.
 - a. Tamara P. encouraged the council to explore how other assistance or services could be combined with Department resources to make something like this happens. The Department would not be able to resource a new service like this alone.
 - b. Kathie G. will ask the OPTUM representative to make a presentation about available crisis services.
 - c. Christine P. will invite Blake Brumfield to present information to the Council about services available through the Department’s Developmental Disabilities Crisis Team.
4. The fourth suggestion involves an annual report to the Legislature about assisted living facility issues and recommendations for addressing the issues. Tamara P. suggested we

begin including that information in the annual report the Council already prepares for the Legislature each year.

Residential Assisted Living Facilities (RALF) Rules changes – Tamara Prisock

Tamara Prisock updated the Council with the following details about RALF rule changes:

- a. The proposed rule changes negotiated during the summer will publish on August 6th, 2014
- b. After publication, there will be a 3 week public comment period and at the end of that period comments will be incorporated.
- c. It is too late to include more rule changes for this year.
- d. Tamara will present the rule docket for approval during the 2015 legislative session, likely during the first two weeks of the session.
- e. Once the rules are approved, the Department will develop additional written clarification to help providers implement the new rules

Rule Change Regarding Resident Rights – Patrick Hanes

Patrick Hanes presented on behalf of Duane Holderman from Sunset Homes Assisted Living. The facility wanted to address the Council about the rule that requires assisted living facilities to provide a television in the common areas. The facility is run by a company that ascribes to the Mennonite religion and is seeking to establish an environment that does not include television or other media. Refer to handout (CCAC_SunsetHome_Request.pdf).

- The Council suggested that, rather than the Council recommending a change to the assisted living rules, Sunset Home continues to work with the department to obtain a variance to the rule requirement.
- Christine P. expressed concern that reusing to provide television for residents who might want it could be imposing the facility's religious beliefs on the residents. She noted that facilities may begin to ban other things or individuals not aligned with their beliefs, such as an ethnic group, or residents who are gay or lesbian.

Motion: Robert Vande Merwe moved that the Council make a recommendation to the Department that the facility continue to work with the Department on a variance to the rule that satisfies both parties.

Amended: Leroy Smith requested that the provider have the client sign a waiver that they understand the facility does not have television.

Seconded: Kathie Garrett

In Favor – 8

Opposed – 4

Abstain – 2

Vote: Passed

Blue Cross and Dual Eligibles Network – Beth Nelson

- Beth Nelson provided a handout to Council (CCAC_BlueCross-SpecialNeedsPlan.pdf) and discussed the Special Needs plan and how to become a provider.

- Beth will stay after the meeting to answer questions and will provide a URL to Jamie Simpson to post on RALF web site.

Karen Vasterling Agenda Items:

1. Update on CFH Emergency Placements
 - a. Karen Vasterling stated that the CFH program is in the process of validating the list for CFH emergency placements and stated that the current list of available resources is outdated.
2. Certified Family Homes Vacancy List
 - a. The department needs reliable statistics for vacancies. Real time is a current issue. CFH Specialists are now gathering additional information during regular surveys about the number of beds each home has available for placement and whether or not the home will accept emergency placements.
3. Impact of Medicaid Quality Improvement on CFH Certification Requirements
 - a. There is no impact. Visits are confirming that requirements are met.

Motion: Adjourn – Scott Burpee

So Moved: Christine Pisani

Seconded: Scott Burpee

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed

The chair adjourned the Council meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2014.