Personal Assistance Oversight Committee DRAFT Minutes
Wednesday, September 16, 2015 1:00 - 3:00 (MDT) 12:00 -2:00 (PDT)

Attendees: See Sign-In Sheet 9-16-15

AGENDA ITEMS	***LEAD***	***DECISION / ACTION ITEMS***
Welcome and Roll Call	*Beth Kriete BLTC Bureau Chief*	***Action:*** • *Beth welcomed the PAO members and did roll call of members that were participating in person, via video or on conference call.*
OLD BUSINESS		
Read, Review and Approve DRAFT Minutes from June 17, 2015	*Beth Kriete*	***Action***: • *Raul motioned that the DRAFT minutes from the June 17, 2015 meeting be approved as written and Sharon seconded the motion. Minutes will be posted at: http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/Medicaid/MedicalCareAdvisoryCommittee/PersonalAssistanceOversightCommittee/tabid/1354/Default.aspx*
PLANNING		
PAO Committee Composition	*Beth Kriete*	***Action***: • *Beth read nominations for new member: Jan Carpenter, participant Central HUB and continuing provider member Jim Vercruyssen, Northern HUB.* • *Raul made the motions to accept these two new members and Sharon seconded the motion.* • *Both members were accepted unanimously! Thank you and Welcome Jan and Jim.* • *Beth again reminded members of the need for Alternates or Designees that will attend the PAO quarterly meetings in your absence. Please get that information to Marcie ASAP.*
MONITORING		
Idaho Commission on Aging Adult Protection	*Deedra Hunt State Manager of Adult Protection, Case Management, and Information & Assistance Program Specialist*	***Action*** • *Idaho Adult Protection provides for the safety and protection of vulnerable adults that are, or are suspected to be, victims of abuse, neglect, self-neglect or exploitation. Reports are received from those who have a legal duty to report and those who are family, friends and concerned citizens. The focus of Idaho Adult Protection is to reduce or eliminate the risk of harm to vulnerable adults by offering referrals to and arranging for provision of emergency or supportive services* • *There are six Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) throughout the state of Idaho that are contracted through Idaho Commission on Aging to provide Adult Protection. Anyone needing to make a report can call the local AAA to make that report. Phone numbers and information regarding each AAA can be obtained by going to ICOA website http://www.aging.idaho.gov/. Using the interactive map, click on the local area. You can also call Idaho Careline at 2-1-1 for help.* • *Link to Idaho Adult Protection Webpage. http://www.aging.idaho.gov/protection/index.html* • *Link to Idaho Adult Protection Power Point. http://www.aging.idaho.gov/protection/ID%20APS%20Roles%20Responsibilities%20and%20Constraints%202012.pdf* • *Raul Enriquez, ICOA and also Advocate Member of the PAO, gave an update on the collaborative project NO Wrong Door (NWD). The NWD Stakeholder Group is convened by the Idaho Commission on Aging (ICA) to fulfill the opportunity presented in an Administration for Community Living (ACL) grant to "streamline access to long-term services and support options for older adults and individuals with disabilities" in the state of Idaho.*

		• *The Idaho Aging and Disability Resource Center's (ADRC) No Wrong Door Mission is to empower people to make long term care (LTC) decisions by providing reliable resource information and person centered counseling through a network of community organizations.*
Home and Community Based Service Update	*Ali Fernandez BLTC Alternative Care Coordinator*	***Action:*** • *http://HCBS.dhw.idaho.gov* • *This Project is to do the necessary work for Idaho to move into compliance with new regulations passed in March 2014. Idaho has until 2019 to be in full compliance. The new regulations touch on three major areas: the qualities of settings where people receive HCBS, the qualities of provider-owned residential settings where HCBS participants live, and person-centered planning for HCBS programs.* • *Idaho Medicaid has published two versions of the Statewide Transition Plan describing our assessment of Idaho's current HCBS system and our plans for moving into full compliance by 2019. We received feedback from CMS, our federal partner, with some suggestions for changes.* • *The newest version of the Statewide Transition Plan is available on our website for viewing and public comment: http://HCBS.dhw.idaho.gov. Please review the plan and provide feedback! It will be available for public comment through midnight, October 12.* • *Most operational changes will begin in 2016. We will start working on training materials and outreach and education in the spring of 2016.*

Rule Dockets Update	*Ali Fernandez BLTC Alternative Care Coordinator*	***Action:***
		• *http://adminrules.idaho.gov/bulletin/index.html*
		• *We held Negotiated Rulemaking for the HCBS rules in June and received a lot of great feedback from stakeholders.*
		  o *A significant number of changes were made to the rules as a result of Negotiated Rulemaking – a new and complete draft is available for review on the HCBS website: http://HCBS.dhw.idaho.gov*
		  o *The formal public hearing period will be from October 7 through October 28. We are hopeful that making the draft available earlier will give people more time to review and digest the changes in order to provide feedback.*
		  o *The schedule for public hearings, if anyone would like to testify for the record about the draft changes, will be published in the October 7 issue of the Administrative Bulletin. You can find the Administrative Bulleting here: http://adminrules.idaho.gov/bulletin/index.html*
		• *The Personal Needs Allowance docket is delayed. This proposed change would increase the Personal Needs Allowance figure from 150% of the Federal SSI level to 180% of the SSI level for waiver participants who live in the community and are responsible for their rent or mortgage costs. This would decrease the Share of Cost for these participants, on average, by about $219 per month.*
		  o *Negotiated Rulemaking was held in July – however, because of the fiscal impact, this change will be included in the proposed budget going before the 2016 legislature.*
		  o *If approved by the legislature, the rules docket will move forward again in the springtime with a Public Hearing in May.*
		  o *The anticipated effective date for this change would by July 2016.*

Idaho Home Choice Update (Attachment)	*Tammy Ray IHC Project Manager*	***Action:*** • *The attached handout figures were program totals 10/1/2011 through 8/28/2015.* • *This handout breaks down the Transitions that have happened during the last 4 years;* • *Types of benefit program that they were able to transition to;* • *Types of Institution that participants' have moved from and the types of residences that they have been able to move into.*

		• *Participant demographics are broken out by Regions, the reason the IHC Program ended, average number of days that it took to transition and the average age of the participant – All of this data can be compared very favorably with the national averages.* • *The Money Follows the Person Grant was originally set for 5 years, 3-2011 through 4-2016. The MFP grant was extended for an additional 5 years. That Budget 2016 – 2020, 22.7 million has been approved by DHW and sent on to CMS.* • *That additional money will see the program through to wrap up – December 31, 2018, the last Transition of the Grant will be accepted and will finish the program a year later in 2019. 2020 has been set aside for financial close out.* • *The two demonstration benefits – Transition Management and Transition Services will be sustained through the 1915(c) waiver. The benefits will be available to waiver participants who are currently in a qualified institution for at least 60 consecutive days over and above Medicare Part A and who wish to return to the community to a qualified HCBS setting. This will begin January 1, 2019.* • *Idaho Home Choice Staff will be in North Idaho for Transition Manager Training on October 13 – 16.* • *For additional information contact http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/Medicaid/IdahoHomeChoice/tabid/1621/Default.aspx*
Medicare Medicaid Coordinated Plan (MMCP) Update	*Chris Barrott MMCP Contract Manager/Medicaid Project Lead*	***Action:*** • *MMCP enrollment is currently at 1670.* • *In 2016 All counties in in Idaho, except Lemhi and Franklin will be eligible to enroll in MMCP.* • *For additional MMCP Information call 1-855-659-9157.* • *Idaho Medicaid and Blue Cross of Idaho will be holding a 1-hour meeting to learn about another Medicaid Option available to all Idaho Dual Eligible' s. Dates and Locations below:*

October 5 – Idaho Falls 150 Shoup Ave 2nd Floor Large Conference Room Idaho Falls, ID 83402	*October 15 – Caldwell – only one event @ 1 East Grand Teton Conference Room 3402 Franklin Rd Caldwell, ID 83605*
October 6 – Pocatello 1070 Hiline Rd 2nd Floor Conference Room Ste 230 Pocatello, ID 83201	*October 20 – CDA Conference Room 118 1120 Ironwood Dr Ste 102 Coeur d' Alene, ID 83814*
October 7 – Twin Falls 601 Pole line Rd Conference Room B&D Twin Falls	*October 21 – Moscow DHW Large Conference Room 1350 Troy Highway Moscow, ID 83843*
October 14 – Boise RMS Conference Room 1720 Westgate Dr Ste B Boise, 83720	*October 22 – Lewiston DHW Third Floor Conference Room 1118 F Street Lewiston, ID 83501*

QIS Report Review 2nd Quarter 2015 (Attachment)	*Pam Mason BLTC QA Manager*	***Action:*** • *Pam gave a high level review of the BLTC Quarterly Improvement Summary Quarter 2, 2015.* • *Reviewed the reported areas, remediation and systems improvement from previous years and the impact that data has had on staff and provider training.* • *We have seen marked improvement in reporting and data following training.* • *For additional information or if you have questions; contact Pam at MasonP@dhw.idaho.gov*

2 Issues submitted by PAO member	*Beth Kriete*	***Action:*** • *1) Caregiver appropriate attire* • *Medicaid does not address Caregiver dress code. If you have an issue with the way a caregiver is dressed; you should contact your Agency. If your agency is an FI, this issue is between you and your caregiver.* • *2) Medications and Allergies, kept in a recognizable container in a uniform place for first responders* • *Researched this idea online as to other states that had tried furnishing a pill bottle that contained the participant medical information- for first responders. This program was discontinued due to funding. This is not a program that is on anyone's radar in Idaho. The most effective way to ensure that the First Responders or Medical Assistance staff can meet your needs is with a Medical ID Bracelet or Necklace. Bracelet or necklace can be ordered online from Medic-Alert or pick up a pamphlet from your physician's office or local pharmacy.*
Round Table and Shared Information	*Committee Members*	• *Jim Vercruyssen, Provider member from Coeur d'Alene, expressed concern over the availability of PERS/Wireless because participants were giving up their landlines due to cost. Is it possible to check with and identify those providers that have service plans that would meet this need? Medicaid will research and return with an answer to the PAO and share the concern with the MCAC on October 21, 2015.* • *Bureau of Financial Operations-Reimbursement Unit explained the rate for PERS was set in 2008 using data that was current at the time for landline-only units. They indicated that research has begun on what a potential rate differential should be for wireless versus landline PERS, as the cost to the provider is significantly different based on the equipment used. This is a potential change that Medicaid Policy will keep on their radar and will update PAO as change progresses.*
RECOMMENDATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS		
	Dana Gover	• *Recommendation from Dana Gover to invite Christine Pisani, Executive Director for Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities to provide the group an overview of the ABLE Act (The Achieving a Better Life Experience Act).*
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2015 Meeting Dates: March 18, 2015 (Video), June 17, 2015 (Video), September 16, 2015 (Video) and December 16, 2015 (Video)
All meetings will be held on Wednesday from 1-3 PM (MT) and 12-2PM (PT)