

# Personal Assistance Oversight Committee Minutes

July 15, 2009 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (MST)

Division of Medicaid – Central Office 3232 Elder Street, D-West Conference Room

**Committee Members Present:** Scott Burpee (Provider), Pam Catt-Oliason (Advocate), Michelle Wood (Provider), Dana Gover (Consumer/Self-Directed). **Committee Members Absent:** Jason McKinley (Provider) Jack Miller (Consumer), Bobby Ball (Advocate/Consumer), Deana Gilchrist (Advocate), Karen Schmidt (Consumer), Bart Larsen (Provider), Aaron Thain (Provider), **DHW Staff:** Melanie Belnap, RMS LTC Manager Susan Scheuerer, ACC; Sue Harvey RN, Nurse Manager; Marcie Young, Administrative Assistant II. **DHW Staff Absent:** Susie Choules, ACC.

AGENDA ITEM	LEAD	Time	RECOMMENDATIONS/DECISIONS/ASSIGNMENTS
Welcome - Introductions Read and approve minutes (with changes) from May 13, 2009 PAO Meeting.	Melanie Belnap	1:00	Minutes from 5-13-09 with “Nursing Units” clarification, were approved by <u>Scott</u> and seconded by <u>Dana</u> .
Update on Idaho State Independent Living Council (SILC) Grant	Rachel Johnstone Idaho State Independent Living Council	1:15	<u>Rachel</u> shared a list of the State Panel of Personal Assistance Work Group members and their contact information. Minutes of the PA Workgroup meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, reflected discussion topics of Challenges, Needs and Opportunities and resources that are being developed in conjunction with this project: <a href="http://www.idahopas.blogspot.com">www.idahopas.blogspot.com</a> and <a href="http://www.northwestdisabilityconnections.blogspot.com">www.northwestdisabilityconnections.blogspot.com</a> Next meeting will be held August 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2009. PAO committee members were encouraged to share ideas through their workgroup representative.
Client Contribution Update	Melanie Belnap	1:45	To comply with our current waiver requirements, A&D waiver participants will no longer be authorized PCS (T1019) services. A&D participants will receive attendant care services (S5125) as authorized. Service code T1019 is not a CMS approved waiver benefit. All A&D waiver participants responsible for a contribution, who previously had been approved for state plan PCS hours (T1019), will be authorized attendant care hours (S5125) by <b>October 1, 2009</b> . For those A&D waiver participants not responsible for a participant contribution, no change will take place at this time. At redetermination or upon request for additional attendant care hours, the nurse reviewer will discontinue T1019 and only authorize S5125 services. Provider notification will be through the September “MedicAide”. Providers can review their client’s acknowledgement forms to determine what their maximum individual contributions amounts will be. <u>Melanie</u> will provide a copy of Medicaid Information Release MA05-32 regarding Collection of the Client Contribution. (Attached)
Companion Care Rate Update	Sheila Pugatch	2:00	Effective 7/24/09, new minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour goes into effect. Methodology took MW of \$7.25 x 1.55% (PCS Agency factor) = \$2.81 per unit (15 Min) or \$11.24 per hour for the agency. A banner message will be attached to Providers Remittance Advice (RA)  ● <u>Scott</u> thanked the Department for the progress that has been done with PCS Agency reimbursement methodology and asked that they take a look at using that same methodology for Respite/Chore Services reimbursement rates. Sheila told him

			that Larry Tisdale/ BFO are aware of that need, but due to budget constraints, the Department cannot address these services at this time.
<b>BREAK</b>		2:15	
Address Agenda Items	Melanie Belnap	2:30	<p>Future requests for agenda items will be sent out two weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting. Agenda items will be accepted until one week before meeting. Any agenda items received after the deadline will be pushed to the next scheduled meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Dana</u> requested that we limit the number of agenda items to 2-3 in an effort to prevent “wandering”.</li> <li>• <u>Scott</u> recommended that future agendas and minutes be posted on the DHW website – see Assisted Living information.</li> <li>• <u>Michelle</u> and <u>Dana</u> made the recommendation that Long Term Care have a webpage specific to the Long Term Care Bureau and the services available. Contacts, programs, services, provider lists with navigational links. <u>Melanie</u> will take the recommendation to Leadership for review.</li> </ul> <p>Note: Scott will be meeting with Leslie regarding the difference in Personal Needs Allowance between participant’s own homes or in a RALF. <u>Scott</u> will report back to the committee.</p>
Overview of Adult Protection	Sarah E. Scott, JD, PMP, CPM Program Operations Manager Idaho Commission on Aging	2:45	<p>See PowerPoint handout. <u>Sarah</u> gave an overview of the Adult Protection program which included the Vision, Idaho Adult Protection Law, definitions of what is a “Vulnerable Adult”. Statistics were given on reported abuse, neglect, exploitation, how and who might be responsible for that abuse. Reporting requirements and the needed information were outlined. Patient’s rights and the “Protection” issue sometimes conflict as the law protects the rights of the participants to live as they choose. A list of AP contacts was furnished.</p> <p><u>Holly Player</u>, Idaho Commission on Aging, 334-3833 will be taking over for Sarah Scott who is moving to the Idaho Coalition against Sexual and Domestic Violence. – We wish her well.</p>
<b>Adjourn</b>		<b>4:00</b>	
<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	October 14 <sup>th</sup> 1-4 PM D-East Request for agenda items on September 30 <sup>th</sup> . All agenda items will be submitted by COB October 6 <sup>th</sup> . Any items received after that time will be pushed back to the December 10 <sup>th</sup> meeting.		