

## Personal Assistance Oversight Committee Minutes

December 15, 2010

1:00PM – 4:00 PM (MST)

Video Conference in Regions I, III, V, and VII and Medicaid Central Office at 3232 Elder Street

**If committee members are unable to join via video: Call in information – 1-888-706-6468 Participant Code 268877#**

**Committee Members Present:** Scott Burpee(Phone), Jason McKinley, Kelly Marang, Aaron Thain, Deana Gilchrist, Dana Gover, Ruth Gneiting (Phone), Mary Jo Butler, Chris Pruett, Jody Erickson **Committee Members Absent:** Bart Larsen, Tara Howarth, Crystal Fuchs

**DHW Staff Present:** Natalie Peterson, Susan Scheuerer, Susie Choules **DHW Staff Absent:** Melanie Belnap, Sue Harvey

AGENDA ITEM	LEAD	Time	DECISIONS/ACTION ITEMS
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>			
<p>Welcome - Introductions Read and approve minutes from September 15, 2010. (Attachment)</p>	Natalie Peterson	1:00 1:15	<p>Action items from 9-25-2010 were completed. Dana made the motion that the minutes be approved as written; Aaron seconded. Approved minutes will be posted to the website: <a href="http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/Medicaid/MedicalCareAdvisoryCommittee/">http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/Medicaid/MedicalCareAdvisoryCommittee/</a></p>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>			
<p>Review Recommendations from September 15, 2010</p>	Natalie Peterson	1:15 1:20	<p><i>“Committee requests that providers have the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the new “Blended Rate” before it is implemented.”</i> <b>Response:</b> The Department has held the following meetings to allow provider participation and gather comments: PPS meeting on 9/15/2010 Residential Assisted Living Facility (RALF) providers on 10/20/10 Idaho Association of Home Care Agencies (IAHCA) on 11/9/10, with a second meeting was scheduled for 12/13/10. <b>The Department did not proceed with the blended rate methodology based on feedback received from providers and associations. The rate effective 1/1/11 for PCS, homemaker and attendant care represents a reduction from 55% to 50.4% to the supplemental component.</b></p>
<p>HB 701 Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Service Coordination</li> <li>• Skilled Nursing Home Health Visits</li> <li>• A&amp;D PCS Service Plan Rate Change</li> <li>• Authorization of PCS or HCBS A&amp;D Supervisory RN visits for Adult Participants (Attachment)</li> </ul>	Susan Scheuerer Susie Choules	1:20 2:00	<p>(See Attachments) MediAide Newsletter and participant letter. Medicaid was charged by the 2010 Legislature HB 701 hold meetings and gather feedback for cost savings.</p> <p>Service Plan Rate Changes - Reimbursement for Children’s Service Plans will now match the amount paid for Adult Service Plans.</p> <p>Discussion related to service plans: Following two CMS audits, it has been identified that the service plans, being completed by providers are not adequate and do not meet CMS waiver assurances. To enhance the quality of the service plans for the participants, Medicaid is now requiring that service plans for adult participants is completed nurse. Currently, service plans for children are completed by nurses. Feedback from providers is that Medicaid considers alternate proposals. Therefore, Medicaid has agreed to receive and review input on forms, training documents and suggestions on how improve the service plans to meet CMS requirements. Please send to Natalie before the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in January. Medicaid QA will be scheduling training for providers on Service Plans in January 2011.</p>

			<b>Action:</b> Susan to review service plans instructions and see if any changes need to be made.
<b>Break</b>		2:00 2:15	
<b>PLANNING</b>			
<i>Bureau of Long Term Care Update</i> • <i>MFP Planning Grant</i> <i>(Attachment)</i>	<i>Natalie Peterson</i>	2:15 2:20	MFP Grant Stakeholder Meeting Summary (attached) Thank you to PAO members that participated in the MFP stakeholder meeting on November 19 <sup>th</sup> , please see the attached summary. We will schedule another Stakeholder meeting after the grant is submitted. Committee members were asked to choose the MFP Grant project name – committee chose Home Choice.
<i>PAO Committee Composition</i> ▪ <i>(Continue with submitted applications)</i>	<i>Natalie Peterson</i>	2:20 2:25	<i>No new applications have been received- Letter of invitation and nomination form is posted on website. As of 12-15-2010 we have the following vacancies: Participant - 2 Northern Hub, 2 Central Hub Personal Assistant – 1</i>
<i>Long Term Care Policy Advancement Steering Committee</i> <i>(ADRC Update)</i>	<i>Jody Erickson</i> <i>Idaho Commission on Aging</i>	2:25 2:40	<b>ADRC update:</b> <i>The Virtual ADRC website being is reformatted with an anticipated live date of April 2011.</i>
<b>MONITORING</b>			
<i>Update on Idaho State Independent Living Council Medicaid Infrastructure (MIG) Grant</i>	<i>Donna Maier - Project Director ISILC</i>	2:40 2:45	Overview attached. (Medicaid Infrastructure Grant – September 1, 2010) Attachment: Medicaid Workers With Disabilities Report.  SPAWG is collecting stories of people with disabilities to share their stories and how they deal with those disabilities. The goal is to develop and present a newsletter for the Legislature on the importance of the home and community based services are to this people.  Chris: Recommendations: Consider bundling services. Recommendations will be forthcoming from the MIG.  Budget – SFY 2012 represents an enormous shortfall – committee member encouraged to watch January 10 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 State of State as well as following legislative activities.  Jason McKinley invited PAO members to become members of the Idaho Association of Home Care Agencies. Purpose of this group is to be a voice to the legislature on how vital HCBS programs are to the people of Idaho.
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>			
<i>Encourage all members of the PAO to educate the legislature as to the value of programs to the people of Idaho.</i>			
<b>ADJOURN</b>		<b>2:45</b>	

**Next meeting will be March 16, 2011**

*2011 Meeting Dates: March 16, 2011, June 15, 2011, September 14, 2011 and December 14, 2010. All of these will be held on Wednesday and meeting times will continue to be from 1-4 PM (Mountain Time). These meetings will be scheduled as video conferences in local offices 1- CDA, 2 Lewiston, 5 - Twin Falls, 6- Pocatello, and 7 - Idaho Falls.*