

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**(TO BE APPROVED AT JANUARY MEETING)**

**COMMUNITY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
October 22, 2019

**Present:**

Christine Pisani, Developmental Disabilities Council, Vice Chair  
Tamara Prisock, IDHW Director Designee  
Cindy Stevens, IDHW Council Support  
Angela Eandi, DisAbility Rights Idaho  
Pamela Estes, CFH Provider Representative  
Cheryl Gibson, CFH Provider/Family Representative  
Mary Blacker, CFH Provider Representative  
Kris Ellis, IHCA Executive Director Appointee  
Jim Varnadoe, RALF At-Large Administrator – DHW Appointee  
Mary Spears, CFH Provider Representative  
Doug Park, RALF Resident/Family Member Representative  
Nicole Ellis, RALF IHCA Administrator

**Teleconference or Video Conference:**

Eva Blecha, CFH Provider Representative  
Elishia Smith, RALF Resident/Family Member Representative  
Steve Lish, RALF IHCA Administrator, Chair  
Francoise Cleveland, AARP

**Absent:**

Shayne Burr, RALF IHCA Administrator  
Keith Fletcher, RALF At-large Administrator  
James Steed, Non-voting Member, Future RALF Resident  
Amanda Scott, Idaho Ombudsman for the Elderly  
Rick Huber, Advocate for Individuals with Mental Illness

**Guests:**

Jamie Simpson, IDHW-RALF  
Steve Millward, IDHW-CFH  
Pam Hasbrouck, CFH/Parent

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**Christine Pisani, Vice Chair –opened floor for visitor comments/issues from visiting attendees.**

**Motion:**

Tamara Prisock: Motion to pass minutes from July 23 meeting  
Jim Varnadoe: Second Motion  
Unanimous Vote.

**Feedback from Support Broker clients/services – Mary Spears**

Mary shared feedback she has received from events involving service support brokers. First of all, it was very difficult to convince any support brokers to come to meeting. They feel they don't have enough info or don't understand rules, or the rules constantly changed which causes frustrations. Since the Council's purview is limited to licensing/certification issues related to certified family homes and assisted living facilities, Mary was encouraged to share those concerns with someone in the Department's Division of Medicaid. Mary also passed out brochures on her community and announced an event at Linder Farms.

**Update on Alzheimer's/Dementia Medicaid Issue – Tamara Prisock**

Tamara reported that one of the things that this council has been watching is the issue of individuals with Alzheimer's or dementia, or people with difficult behaviors and challenges that this state faces in those individuals being placed successfully. In spring 2018 Idaho Healthcare Association (IHCA) and Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) entered into a partnership agreement and this was one of the topics. The workgroup narrowed down that overall there is no access issue. The access issue is for those individuals that are Medicaid participants because many assisted living facilities limit the amount of Medicaid beds that they have. Medicaid participants, particularly those with difficult behaviors, find it difficult to access assisted living. The workgroup pulled in Division of Medicaid to work with them related to the reimbursement of services for individuals with these difficult behaviors. The Division of Medicaid conducted a voluntary time study with assisted living facilities and determined that there are unreimbursed services being delivered to residents with difficult behaviors. A proposal was developed for modifying the Uniform Assessment Instrument (UAI) to better consider those unreimbursed services. IHCA will take the proposal to legislators in next legislative session. It is too late for the department to do a budget request, but the proposal will be used to talk to decision makers about the situation. The Division of Medicaid hoping to finalize report in mid-November.

### **RALF Update – Jamie Simpson**

#### **Update on Rules (Handout)**

Jamie explained that, with additional public comment on the rewritten chapter, some things have changed since the July Council meeting. She provided a summary document to show the substantive changes to the assisted living rules and reviewed it with Council members.

#### **Abuse definition and deficiencies (Handout)**

Jamie reminded the group that they had asked her to bring data related to abuse-related deficiencies the RALF team has seen during surveys and complaint investigations. She provided a handout with the data and explain that she has provided 3 years data listing non-core deficiencies and core deficiency. The trend looks like it is getting better. Staffing has been difficult in Assisted Livings which might have contributed to the numbers. It is possible the Medicaid increase assisted living facilities received this year may have helped with staffing. The RALF team has also used the training it provides to administrators and nurses to target ways to prevent and investigate abuse.

### **CFH Update – Steve Millward**

#### **Negotiated rule making verbiage (Handout)**

Steve provided a handout on updated rules and explained that additional changes have been made since we last met in July. We are trying to make IDAPA rules become less wordy, more plain language. Some word repetition was removed.

### **Annual Report/Council Priorities – Tamara Prisock**

Tamara reminded the council members that one of the council's charges is to provide the House and Senate Health and Welfare Committees with an annual report. She reviewed the sections of the 2019 annual report draft and solicited feedback from the group to finalize the report. She explained that she will incorporate the Council's feedback and bring the final draft to the Council at the January meeting for the Council to approve.

#### **Future agenda items:**

Tamara Prisock: Annual Report  
Tamara Prisock: Staffing issues in Assisted Living Facilities  
Christine Pisani: Update on Rules  
Jamie Simpson: RALF updates  
Steve Millward: CFH updates

#### **Action Items:**

**ACTION ITEM: Tamara Prisock will provide Annual Report**

**ACTION ITEM: Cindy will investigate webinar/webex for future meetings**

**Motion:**

Mary Blacker: Motion to Adjourn

Pam Estes: Seconded

Unanimous Vote.