

Services to Older and Disabled Adults Committee

MINUTES

DATE: 9-13-06

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: DAAS – DIX CAMPUS
TAYLOR HALL

PERSONS PRESENT:	John Tanner Co-Chair, Vic Martin, Charlene Hill, Janet Miller, Ethel Ferrell, Joe Raymond, Phyllis Smith, Renee Bynum, Sue Hancharik, Brenda Smith, Susan York, Kathleen Vaughn, Wanda Jordan, Nancy Warren (DAAS), Sarah Lugar (DAAS), Vanessa Funderburk, Charles Williams (DAAS), Tim Lackey, Jenise Davis, Judy Pelt, Keith Johnson, Linda Allison, Carol Addington, Steve Hayes, Gerelene Goodman, Kelly Kelly, Fennie Oxendine, Tonya Locklear, Robbin Grantham, Evelyn Johnson, Rosalyn Pettyford (DAAS), Pamela Nelms, Tami Hefner and Eunice Bannerman
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CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS	John Tanner Co-Chair.
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion made by Judy Pelt to accept the minutes for the August 9 meeting; committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.
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AGENDA ITEM: REVISION OF PRIORITIES & ISSUES 06-07 PRESENTER: JOHN TANNER CO-CHAIR

DISCUSSION	Copies of the revised list of priorities and issues were distributed to committee members. Three items have been added to the list: #10 Adult Services Best Practices, #11 Leading by Results and #12 Shelters for People with Special Medical Needs.		
CONCLUSIONS	The additions were as a result of feedback from committee members.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

AGENDA ITEM: SA IN-HOME UPDATE PRESENTER: NANCY WARREN

DISCUSSION	The committee received updates on the number of additional counties approved to participate in the SA In-Home program effective September 2006. A list of all participating counties was distributed to the committee members and included the counties participating for the first time as a result of the recent allocation of slots.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

AGENDA ITEM: HOUSE STUDY COMMITTEE ON GUARDIANSHIP LAWS PRESENTER: ROSALYN PETTYFORD

DISCUSSION	A brief history of the guardianship study, which originated in 1995, was given. The sixteen proposals of the House Study Committee on State Guardianship Laws were distributed and discussed. The Study Committee convened on August 24, 2006 and is a House initiative; but after the recommendations are made and the study is complete the Senate may join. The director's association wants to make recommendations to DAAS to consider in their presentation to the committee on November 2. The following recommendations were discussed: Statute mandate that "limited guardianship" be the default, training for clerks of court, and money for MDE's (develop cost analysis). Judy Pelt recommended that committee members review the recommendations with their agencies and send feedback in writing to the two co-chairs by September 29, 2006. The committee agreed to devote the October committee meeting to discussing the recommendations. A handout on the demographics of wards was distributed to committee members. It is strongly encouraged that mental health and other agencies that serve as guardians submit the demographics to DAAS so that numbers will reflect an accurate picture across the state.		
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CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

AGENDA ITEM: APS CLEARING HOUSE

PRESENTER: ROSALYN PETTYFORD

DISCUSSION	The APS Task Force in collaboration with the NCACDSS was formed to clarify and strengthen protective service programs in North Carolina. A final report is due to the Aging Study Commission October 11, 2006 from the task force. Among the (9) recommendations the following were discussed: Adequate funding for additional staff, minimum training requirements and the recommendation of a demonstration pilot using nine counties. The demonstration will be requested for eighteen months.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

AGENDA ITEM: MEDICAID UNIFORM SCREENING TOOL

PRESENTER: LYNNE PERRIN

DISCUSSION	The committee was advised of the development of the Medicaid uniform screening tool which, when fully implemented, should replace eight different processes. The contract has been awarded to EDS for this. It will be a web based tool used for screening all Medicaid long term care services. Among the tools to be replaced are PAASAR; CAP-DA PCA; and the FL-2, including the ability to determine the level of case management. The consumer's level of care would be determined by the assessment and made by the system. The users of the tools will be Medicaid providers who will login into the system using provider numbers.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

AGENDA ITEM: ACH/PCS RESTRUCTURING

PRESENTER: LYNNE PERRIN

DISCUSSION	After a year of negotiations with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) change was submitted to allow adult care homes to receive personal care services payments for hospice patients. Adult care homes would have to meet managed care status and looked at in the same manner as services in private homes. There will be one program that will pay the number of hours needed based on a full assessment of ADL's. The assessment will determine the number of hours Medicaid will pay. This will require changes in statute and the North Carolina State Plan. Lynn summed it up by saying that the current PCS structure is being replaced by an assessment based structure. A meeting is planned September 26, 2006 of representatives from the stakeholder's group.	
CONCLUSIONS		
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Submitted by: Vic Martin
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