

Services to Older and Disabled Adults Committee

MINUTES DATE: 12-13-06 TIME: 10:00 AM LOCATION: DAAS – TAYLOR HALL

PERSONS PRESENT:	John Carroll Co-Chair, John Tanner Co-Chair, Vic Martin, Terri Franco, Tim Lackey, Robert Buckner, Keith Johnson, Karen Wilson, Bill Duke, Linda Allison, Charlene Hill, Jenise Davis, Phyllis Smith, Diane Wimmer, Vanessa Funderburk, Pamela Nelms, Laura Elmore (NC DSS), Laura Wasson, Susan York, Regina Watkins (DCD), Ethel Ferrell, Wanda Jordan (NC DSS), Evelyn Johnson, Clay Holloway, Alona Sloan, Janet Miller, Nancy Warren (DAAS), Eunice Bannerman, Glenda Artis (DAAS), Terry Brubaker (NC FAST), Rosalyn Pettyford (DAAS), Emily Hale (DAAS), Kate Walton (DAAS), Susanne Merrill (DAAS) and Vicky Church (DAAS)
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CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS	John Carroll and John Tanner Co-Chairs
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion made to accept the minutes of 11-8-06 as written; the committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.
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AGENDA ITEM: GUARDIANSHIP LAWS PRESENTER: SUZANNE MERRILL

DISCUSSION	The Guardianship Study Committee met on 12-7-06 to vote on recommendations for legislative consideration during the long session in January, including a draft bill for a joint legislative study commission. Handouts of the recommendations, with fiscal impact for each, were distributed to the committee members. Suzanne went over each of the nine recommendations. Suzanne distributed copies of the draft bill for a Joint Legislative Study Commission on Guardianship Laws and noted the following changes that should be made to the draft: 1(b) add a county director of public health and a member of the advocacy council on aging as voting members of the study commission; 1(b) (i) page 2 line 17 - delete county director of mental health DD and SA Services as ex-officio members.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

AGENDA ITEM: ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES MANUAL RE-WRITE PRESENTER: VICKY CHURCH

DISCUSSION	A work group was convened to revise Vol. VI Chapter II of the Family Services Manual to be consistent with accompanying changes to 10A NCAC 71 R and 10A NCAC 67A. Vicky Church acknowledged agency representatives which comprised the work group. The revisions are also intended to be consistent with required program monitoring. Vicky went over the recommended changes noting one that would likely have fiscal impact – “Repeals Established Income and substitutes Federal Poverty guidelines”. Also, Indian Affairs Transportation should be added to the list of without regard to income. Vicky opened the floor for questions and comments from the committee members. A major issue/question brought up by committee members was how counties would be notified of changes in income limits and the issue of county residency/responsibility of payment and provision of services in the cases of non-county residents. Due to time constraints Vicky was invited to come to the January 2007 meeting to further discuss issues and concerns raised by these changes.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

AGENDA ITEM: OVERNIGHT RESPITE IN ADULT DAY PROGRAMS

PRESENTER: GLENDA ARTIS

DISCUSSION	An adult day program provider in one county has expressed a desire to provide temporary overnight respite for one of its participants. This provider had requested exemption from the provisions of the licensing of family care homes in order to provide the temporary respite. Current statute does not allow for overnight respite in adult day programs. In order for these day programs to provide overnight respite two statutes would have to be altered. It is likely that a bill could be introduced to change these statutes. DAAS is wanting to keep the committee updated on which way this issue goes. Stakeholders include DMA, DFS and DAAS. Feedback is requested concerning overnight respite in adult day services. This item will be placed on the agenda for the January meeting.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

AGENDA ITEM: AT RISK CASE MANAGEMENT

PRESENTER: CHARLES WILLIAMS & NANCY WARREN

DISCUSSION	The issue regarding counties Medicaid payments being rejected for at-risk clients when they receive clinical case management from mental health providers on the same day was discussed. The committee was advised to continue following DMA Adm. Letter 04-01 dated August 21, 2000 as well as the accompanying policy manual.		
CONCLUSIONS	Suzanne will research this issue and report back when she has more information.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

AGENDA ITEM: MEETING WRAP-UP

PRESENTER: JOHN CARROLL

DISCUSSION	A volunteer from the committee was solicited to serve on the Gerontology Consortium. Items to be on the agenda for January's meeting: Vicky Church to continue discussing the manual re-write; Respite in Adult Day Programs; Terry Brubaker – updates on NC FAST; At Risk Case Management; and Legislative updates.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

Submitted by: Vic Martin
Rutherford County DSS