

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Instructions: [F-01922A](#)

Name of Governmental Body: Wisconsin Long Term Care Advisory Council (LTCAC)			Attending: Audra Martine, Audrey Nelson, Beth Swedeen, Christine Witt, Cindy Bentley, Darci Knapp, Dennise Lavrenz, Denise Pommer, Elsa Diaz Boutista, Janet Zander, John Sauer, Kenneth Munson, LaVerne Jaros, Lea Kitz, Maureen Ryan, Sam Wilson, Shanna Jensen, Stacy Ellingen, Stephanie Birmingham
Date: 9/14/2021	Time Started: 9:30 a.m.	Time Ended: 1:00 p.m.	
Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting			Presiding Officer: Heather Bruemmer
Minutes			

Members absent: none

Others present: Betsy Genz, Brenda Bauer, Carrie Molke, Curtis Cunningham, Elizabeth Doyle, Grace Moore, Kevin Coughlin, Kiva Graves, Jordan Humpal, Julia Nagy, Mackenzie Gearin, Maggie Northrop, Suzanne Ziehr

Meeting Call to Order, presented by Heather Bruemmer

- 2022 meetings will be virtual (at least to start out)
- Dates are at bottom of agenda and will be updated on webpage
 - January 11
 - March 8
 - May 10
 - July 12
 - September 13
 - November 8
- Introduction of new members from Governor's Task Force on Caregiving and have them introduce themselves
 - Stephanie Birmingham
 - Laverne Jaros
 - Elsa Diaz Bautista
- Approval of July 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve by Dennise Lavrenz. Seconded by Janet Zander. Unanimously approved

Council Membership, presented by Heather Bruemmer

- If interested in membership starting 2022
- DHS Secretary makes final appointments
- Submit letter of interest to Suzanne by 10/15/2021 (email on handout)

State Health assessment (SHA) Update, presented by Maggie Northrop, Julia Nagy, and Mackenzie Gearin

- Went through PowerPoint
- SHA will be published in next couple of weeks
 - Will be sent out to council members for input
 - The 2021 SHP addendum report will have this info added
- BARHII Model: <https://www.barhii.org/barhii-framework>
- **Council Suggestions:**
 - Add homeownership to economic stability and wealth

- Social connectedness and cohesion, the focus is on youth, should be intentional and also focus on other populations that may be socially isolated and at risk
- Look at institutional power bases in the state beyond just voting
- Track a specific metric regarding institutional bias and systematic racism
- Make it a priority for how long people are having to wait for appointments, specifically behavioral health and routine appointments.
- Consider inaccessibility to preventable and diagnostic equipment
- Consider lack of consistent access to internet for scheduling and telehealth appointments and communication with providers
- Universal design and access concept benefits everyone
- Access to transportation affects employment health and social connectedness and more - livable communities, use words like dependent care as care goes beyond child care
- Make sure report is in people first language

Department Updates, presented by Carrie Molke and Curtis Cunningham

- Division of Medicaid Services (DMS) Updates
 - Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)
 - Currently in soft-launch, hard launch date of January 1, 2022
 - Public Health Emergency
 - This has allowed Medicaid to retain members, if it's not extended past December will need to start doing renewals
 - CMS has issued some guidance
 - Looking at how determinations will be done
 - Children's Long Term Services (CLTS) Waiver
 - With CMS for renewal
 - Looking at 1/1/22 date of implantation
 - Telehealth
 - Creating advisory group for drafting rule language
 - Series of updates to policies that were employed during pandemic to make official ForwardHealth policy updates
 - ARPA
 - Enhanced FMAP (10%) for April 21-March 22 that generates around \$750 million to enhance Home and Community Based Settings services
 - Plan was approved September 3, 2021
 - Now mapping out projects presented at last LTCAC meeting and develop teams to implement
 - Family Care Request for Proposals (RFP)
 - Made some revisions RFP
 - There is a website to look at draft RFP for comments. Comments are due by September 15 at 5:00 pm
- Division of Public Health (DPH)
 - Dementia
 - Expanding dementia care specialists statewide, will be available in every county and tribe by January 1, 2022 for counties and in October 2022 for tribes
 - Alzheimer's family care giver support program
 - Funding distributed soon to counties
 - BOLD grant - Building Our Largest Dementia Infrastructure
 - Wisconsin, is one of 4 states that received this funding
 - Adult Protective Services (APS)
 - Conference in October will be virtual
 - DHS hosting

- Deadline is October 8 to sign up

Family Care Contract Changes, presented by Grace Moore

- Went through document of changes and feedback previously received from council
- Discussed reasons suggestions were or were not incorporated into the contract
- Updated document will be sent out in Word format to council members

Public Comment

- Heidi Sheire
 - When you do Mental Health and other stuff like that with Telemed, it may not work for everyone. I'd rather talk to someone you know. I agree with Cindy (Bentley).

Workforce Charge Discussion, presented by Curtis Cunningham and Carrie Molke

- Went through updated document
- **Council Suggestions:**
 - Take a look at proposals that didn't make it to task force list. e.g.- immigration
 - How to get more involved, funding the people
 - Working hard to stay complete in market. Want to keep people and be able to pay people a great a salary. Are also looking at non-traditional workers.
 - Staff stability survey and the intention of that. What would we expect to learn that hasn't been done by others and if there is a cost, is that the best use of the dollars
 - Feeling resentment towards older adults and those who will eventually will need services. Want to say "we told you so" and why haven't you listened. HCBS is really getting folks out of the institution and living independently. Have resentment against white, abled, policy leaders. we need to help society reckon with reality that we are 25% of the population and older adults might not like label (or disability label). This is more than money - it's a philosophical crisis and it needs to be conveyed to the world. Need to normalize experience better
 - Community based programing is very important
 - Look at examples from other states also make sure not to add layers of complexity to individuals wanting to get into this field
 - Thoughts on charge
 - Box seems broad enough to cover new issues may come up
 - Add about reacting to political changes as they change and impact how we prioritize - need to stay mindful of that.
 - Revise 2nd bullet to be more generic and just know that FMAP is part of it and other funding opportunities that will be coming.
 - Add a heading - make a distinction for work to recruit additional workforce

Council Business, presented by Heather Bruemmer

- Next meeting November 9, 2021
- January 2022 meeting will be virtual
- **Council Suggestions:**
 - November topics
 - Discuss vaccine mandates in November
 - Challenge of residential providers with so many closing right now

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Cindy Bentley. Motion seconded by Stephanie Birmingham. Approved unanimously.

Prepared by: Suzanne Ziehr on 9/14/2021.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 11/9/2021

2022-2023 Draft Long Term Care Advisory Council Charges

CHARGE 1: LONG PATH

Planning and problem solving strategy looking ahead 10, 15, 25, and 100 years. Develop a collaborative and innovative strategic plan visualizing a future based on shared values and beliefs on what Wisconsin's long term care system will look like.

CHARGE 2: MEDICAID LONG TERM CARE

Explore strategies to ensure Wisconsin's Long Term Care (LTC) programs focus on the whole person including: access; choice; high-quality; collaborative relationships; efficient and cost effective; with Wisconsin leading the nation in LTC delivery and services and supports.

- Provide advice and guidance on the number of Geographic Service Regions (GSRs).
- Provide advice and guidance on the number of Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), IRIS Consultant Agencies (ICAs), and Fiscal Employer Agents (FEAs) in each GSR.
- Provide advice on procurement strategies for MCOs and ICAs.
- Provide advice on benefit definitions, reimbursement models, rates, and value based purchasing strategies.
- Provide advice and guidance on integrating or aligning long term care services with behavioral health services and acute and primary care services, including services provided through Medicare

CHARGE 3: TRANSPORTATION

Explore strategies to coordinate transportation in a more efficient and effective manner to improve access for medical, non-medical and social activities.

- Provide advice on the option of a Transportation Summit to bring together the Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Health Services (DHS), Department of Workforce Development (DWD), tribes and key stakeholders.
- Explore the transportation activities of other councils and Departments.
- Explore ways to coordinate transportation rides and funding strings to develop a new strategy to improve effectiveness.
- Explore transportation to help caregivers reach consumers.

CHARGE 4: HEALTH EQUITY

Develop strategies so everyone in Wisconsin's Long Term Care programs has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible. Explore strategies to remove obstacles to health such as poverty, discrimination, and their consequences, including powerlessness and lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments, and health care.

- Provide advice and guidance on a cultural competency toolkit.

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- Provide advice and guidance on how to ensure access to technology is equitable.
- Explore how the council can work with Division of Public Health (DPH) related to Wisconsin State Health Assessment.
- Explore ways to engage with ethnically and geographically diverse groups.

CHARGE 5: WORKFORCE

Develop recommendations to support and strengthen the direct care workforce, both paid and unpaid, to ensure access to care, improve the quality of caregiving, and meet the growing demand for long-term care services in Wisconsin, by:

- Studying the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Caregiving, providing advice and guidance on items that are being implemented and prioritizing recommendations for future consideration.
- Providing advice and guidance on proposals that relate to the direct care workforce and family/informal caregiving within the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Act of 2021 Section 9817 to enhance, expand, or strengthen HCBS under the Medicaid program in Wisconsin.