

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
the Long-Term Care Council  
July 17, 2012**

**Voting Members Present:** John England, Eva Hall, Stephen Iden, Margaret Niederer, Sally Petrone, and Tami Wacker

**Voting Members Present via Conference Call:** Ann Ford, Pam Edelman-Sall, John Hosteny, and Robyn O'Neill

**Voting Members Absent:** Myrtle Klauer, Phyllis Mitzen, Dave Sutor, and Dave Vinkler  
Tony DelGiorno

**State Agency Representatives Present:** Bill Bell, MSGT Todd Trautvetter, Doree Vetter, Mary Riseling, and Kitty Watson

**Guests and Others Present:** Matt Hartman (via conference call), Neyna Johnson, Joseph Mason, Dennis Miner, and Bob Spaulding

**Recorder:** Kathy Seketa

**Call to order:** Tami Wacker, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

The meeting was opened with introductions of attendees and guests.

It was mentioned that Tony DelGiorno has expressed an interest in being co-chair on the ILTCC. There was discussion on the proper way to formally fill the co-chair position, whether the position required a recommendation from the Director of the Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA), if the ILTCC should suggest a recommendation, etc. More discussion to follow.

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes** – The April 17, 2012 minutes were approved with the following revisions: one name correction on the Attendee list and a request to spell out all abbreviations.

**Filing Confirmations of the Required Ethics Training** – Tami reminded everyone of the required Ethics training and that she needs a communication of completeness of some sort from each member.

### **State Agencies Reports**

**Bill Bell, Illinois Department of Public Health (DPH)** – Bill reported that he was present to replace Rick Dees as Rick retired.

Bill reported on SB326 – Differences about staffing ratios was discussed; concluded that it be dealt with as a separate rule making; that staff scheduled breaks and In-service training not being counted as direct care; and that 25% (effective 9/12/2012) of nursing staff and personal care of which 10% has to be nursing time of an RN. It had been 20% time.

Sally Petrone made copies and distributed JCAR 770300-1109927r02 – revised 7/16/2012 – section Subpart C: Policies to the Council members.

Other items pending: Subpart S – psychiatric rehabilitation rules, Subpart T on five specialized pilots that aren't funded by DD/community Care Act, distressed facilities. Informed consent rules were pulled from rulemaking. Bill mentioned that DPH reorganized the “Life Safety Code” area and is including cross training.

Bill spoke of the Omnicare contract. Omnicare will send DPH all prescription data to monitor daily dosages and to monitor all prescriptions taken within long-term care facilities. They will compare what the residents are taking to doctor's order.

Tami Wacker asked if the new funding will cover Assisted Living (AL) facilities; the response was no.

Margaret Niederer asked how many surveyors there were for AL facilities; the response was five.

**The Department of Health and Care and Family Services (HFS) Report** - Although Rob Lewis was unable to attend, he sent two Notices for distribution on the Save Medicaid and Resources Together (SMART) Act.

**Dennis Miner, CFO for Illinois Department on Aging**, discussed the FY13 budget. He explained the appropriation process and talked about the \$24m defunding of the Circuit Breaker program. He said \$20m was taken out of the \$882m budget through CCP. There will be \$170-180m liability carryover of CCP. The Senior Help-Line budget was increased \$300,000.

The Ombudsman program GRF funding was raised to \$1.348m and there was an additional increase of \$1.2m as a result of the bed tax (SB326). The largest percentage of the Bed Tax goes back to the providers, with portions going to HCBS, DPH, and LTCOP.

#### **State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program Report**

Sally Petrone thanked everyone for their persistence with supporting additional funds for the Ombudsman Program. She is checking into the spending parameters of the Bed Tax money.

Neyna Johnson, Deputy State Long Term Care Ombudsman, reported on Money Follows the Person/Pathways (MFP) program. She said that 387 referrals have been received to date; FY13 projection was 600. Neyna stated that information is needed to be compiled on why MFP is not reaching its predicted amount. Neyna also mentioned that the MFP FY12 funding has been distributed.

Neyna stated that the LTCOP will set FY13 goals to reach benchmarks and targets.

***ACTION ITEM*** – Ann Ford, Phyllis Mitzen, and Tami Wacker volunteered to look at Pathways data and then bring a summary back to the Council on why the transitions count is so low, and why the target projection is not being reached. Tami thought a brief survey should be sent to all the Regional Ombudsmen to gain other insights.

The new title for MFP is “Pathways to Community Living” aka “Pathways”– new literature, brochures and newsletters have been launched.

Neyna mentioned that the revised Level I LTCOP training modules have been released. Online training will hopefully become available late August or early September, 2012. Level II training modules will be revised and will be pilot tested in 2013.

**Legislative Update** – Sally Petrone agreed to pull from Lee Beneze’s e-mails a list of legislation with positions (oppose/support) that were discussed at previous meetings and calls.

Tami Wacker stated that she had attended a committee hearing of HB5633. It did not pass.

### **New Business**

**FOIA** - Motion to request Director Holton to designate Karen Kloppe as the ILTCs FOIA officer and to clarify her duties. Margaret voiced concern that this meeting had not been posted. Tami will ask Karen about posting meetings. A motion was made by Stephen Iden and seconded by Eva Hall. The motion carried.

**Membership** - Tami Wacker stated that she has developed a spreadsheet of the membership attendance and who has submitted an Ethics statement. She said she will expand the spreadsheet to include when each member was appointed and when their term expires.

**Co-Chair** - Tami said Tony DelGiorno had submitted a request to be co-chair of the Council. Kitty Watson made a motion to send Director Holton a letter recommending to designate Tony DelGiorno as co-chair. Stephen Iden seconded the motion. The motion carried. Margaret Niederer voted “no.”

Margaret voiced concern of staying close with IDoA if the co-chair position is not filled by someone from IDoA.

**ACTION ITEM** – Tami also agreed to send a letter to Director Holton pertaining to the ILTCC website – requesting it be updated in a more timely fashion.

**Next Meetings** - Tami stated that she would like to schedule speakers for the upcoming meetings. Bill Bell, Randy, and Wayne Smallwood from Affordable Assisted Living Coalition were suggestions made.

It was also suggested a training on the “SMART ACT.”

**Public Forum** – Tami will contact IDoAs training division about holding a Public Forum during the Governor’s Conference on Aging. She asked for input on the type of forum to hold.

### **Announcements and Information for the Good of the Council**

Tami thanked everyone for their support of the Council. She said whomever is to replace Lee Beneze as co-chair will have some big shoes to fill.

**ACTION ITEM** – Margaret Niederer stated she would make a list of action items that have been mentioned in prior meetings but have not been addressed to her knowledge. She said she will send the list to Tami Wacker to review and then the list will be forwarded to the Council.

Upcoming meeting dates:

1/15/2013  
4/16/2013  
7/16/2013  
10/15/2013

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 pm.