

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
Nursing Home Rate Review Workgroup Meeting  
July 7, 2010**

100 West Randolph, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois and 201 S. Grand Avenue East,  
Springfield

**Attendees – Chicago**

Stephanie Altman, Health and Disability Advocates  
Myla Arumugan, Mental Health Project, University of Chicago Law School  
Michelle Baldi, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Region 5  
Reverend Elaine Bellis, Community Renewal Society  
Jessica Bruskin, Governor's Office  
Stephanie Buck, Illinois Pioneer Coalition  
Bill Casper, CJE Senior Life  
Pat Comstock, Health Care Council of Illinois  
Jack Dorgan, Alliance for Living  
Kristin Emerson, Health and Disability Advocates  
Teresa Garate, Assistant Director, IL Department of Public Health  
Susan Gardiner, IL Council on Long Term Care  
Michael Gelder, Governor's Office  
Karen Gillis, Royal Management Corporation, Lexington Health Care  
Donna Ginther, Health Care Council of Illinois  
Steve Grant, Objective Arts, Inc.  
Becky Haldorson, Illinois Pioneer Coalition  
Monica Hammer, Alderman Mary Ann Smith's Office, 48<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Mark Heyrman, Mental Health Summit, University of Chicago Law School  
Lorrie R. Jones, Department of Human Services– Division of Mental Health  
Arnie Kanter, Barton Healthcare  
Kevin Kavanaugh, Health Care Council of Illinois  
Jordan Kenik, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group  
Alexis Kropf, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group  
Catherine Leonis, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Region 5  
Dave Lowitzski, Service Employees International Union  
Amy Lulich, Governor's Office  
Alan Lurie, Resident, Greenwood Care  
Wendy Meltzer, Illinois Citizens for Better Care  
Phyllis Mitzen, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group; MFP Client Advocate  
Mark Mroz, MADO Health Care  
Sue Newman, City of Chicago  
Tim O'Brien, Fletcher, O'Brien, Kasper and Nottage  
Kristen Pavle, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group  
Andrea Perry, Royal Management Corporation, Lexington Health Care  
Violet L. Radwill, No affiliation listed  
Susan Rojek, Royal Management Company, Lexington Health Care  
Steven Serikaku, Community Renewal Society  
Meryl Sosa, Illinois Psychiatric Society  
Heather Steans, State Senator, 7<sup>th</sup> District  
Terry Steczo, County Nursing Homes  
Terry Sullivan, Health Care Council of Illinois  
Michelle R. B. Saddler, Director, Department of Human Services  
Greg Will, Service Employees International Union  
Tom Wilson, Access Living

**Attendees – Springfield**

Melissa Black, President Cullerton's Office  
Kristen Clark, Speaker's Staff  
Ann Ford, Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living  
Julie Hamos, Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
Matt Hartman, Health Care Council of Illinois  
Cheryl Jansen, Equip for Equality  
Nia Odeoti-Hassen, President Cullerton's Office  
Kirk Riva, Life Services Network of Illinois  
John P. Slocum, House Republican Staff  
Anne Szkatulski, Speaker's Staff  
Kevin Taylor, Health Care Council of Illinois  
Dave Vinkler, AARP  
David Voepel, Health Care Council of Illinois  
Matt Werner, Matt Werner Consulting (for LSN)

**State Agency Staff****Department on Aging**

Mary Killough  
Sally Petrone

**Department of Financial and Professional Regulation**

Donald Seasock

**Department of Healthcare and Family Services**

Janice Cherry  
Kelly Cunningham  
Theresa Eagleson  
Barb Ginder  
Frank Kopel  
Beth LaRocca  
Dennis Smith  
Jean Summerfield  
Dawn Wells

**Department of Public Health**

Vivian Anderson  
Bill Bell  
Rick Dees

**Illinois State Police**

Lt. William Colbrook  
Kevin Eack  
Marcus Lucas  
John Mack

**Department of Veteran's Affairs**

Gwen Diehl

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The first meeting of the Nursing Home Rate Review Workgroup was called to order at 11:20 am by Michael Gelder, Senior Health Policy Advisor for Governor Pat Quinn and Julie Hamos, Director of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS). Attendees in Chicago and Springfield introduced themselves. Mr. Gelder shared background regarding the formation of the Nursing Home Safety Task Force and subsequent legislation which provided for the creation of this workgroup. He also stated that the legislation (SB 326) was anticipated to be signed soon, and that HFS has been charged with providing daily support to the workgroup operations.

**2. Legislative Charge**

HFS Director Julie Hamos presented the legislative charge of the workgroup, which is to develop a proposal to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2010, addressing “staffing standards necessary to the provision of care and services and the preservation of resident safety; a comprehensive rate review giving consideration to developing an evidence-based rate methodology and the development of a provider assessment.” She further shared that while members of the workgroup would be specifically appointed in accordance with legislative requirements all meetings would be open to the public. Individuals interested in becoming formal members of the workgroup were encouraged to volunteer.

**3. “Designing Case-Mix Payment Systems for Long Term Care”**

Theresa Eagleson, Administrator of Medical Programs for HFS, introduced professor, researcher and InterRAI president Brant Fries, Ph.D. who presented on “Designing Case-Mix Payment Systems for Long Term Care.” In his presentation, Dr. Fries introduced the concept of case mix and its myriad applications in payment, facility comparison, management, monitoring trends and changes in resident admission status and in measuring outcomes. Dr. Fries stressed the importance of separating case mix and payment, stating that case mix is based upon science. Dr. Fries also provided information on the history of Resource Utilization Group (RUG) basis of payment calculation, current implementation nationally and internationally and future implications associated with the

design of case-mix driven payment systems. The use of payment incentives and add-ons was discussed as was the role of payment disincentives. Dr. Fries provided additional background on the suite of assessment instruments developed by InterRAI across the continuum of long term care settings, including their basis in psychometrics, integration of “triggers” which can assist in care planning protocols and ability to track and assess individuals across settings.

#### **4. Next Steps**

Director Hamos closed the meeting by asking meeting participants to think about quality outcomes and indicators in nursing facility settings, and how they should be measured and valued.

#### **5. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm. The next Nursing Home Rate Review Work Group will be August 6, 2010, from 10:00am – noon at locations to be announced via the Nursing Home Safety Task Force website.