

**COMMUNITY AND IN-HOME OPTIONS TO INSTITUTIONAL CARE FOR
THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED (CHOICE)**

October 16, 2014

Board Meeting Minutes

Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room A

402 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN

CHOICE Board Members in Attendance: Dorian Maples, Jean Macdonald, A.J. Weidekamp, Rep. Ed Clere, Lynn Clough, Sen. Jean Leising (no quorum)

Visitors in Attendance: Kristen LaEace, Oren Bell

Staff in Attendance: Debbie Pierson, Karen Gilliland

Call to Order:

Jean called the meeting to order, there is no quorum so the Board couldn't approve the minutes.

Division of Aging Update:

CHOICE ANNUAL REPORT:

Karen Gilliland said the Division's annual report couldn't be approved because there was not a quorum as this is a requirement in the legislature, it's for state fiscal year ending June 30th.

Karen said looking at the list they've had a slight reduction in CHOICE clients it is not necessarily a negative, it correlates to the fact that there is not a wait list on the Medicaid waiver program. The CHOICE waitlist is reduced when there are open slots on the waivers. Karen directed Board to information on page 13 where the per day cost of CHOICE is \$35 per day and the state pays the \$35, the nursing facility cost is \$144 per day and the state is pays \$47.

On the client care outcome section in state fiscal year 2014, 432 CHOICE clients were approved and confirmed to start the A&D waiver; one CHOICE client was approved and confirmed to start the TBI waiver. On page 14 is the captured information on the activity of daily living deficit.

The break-down on needs was:

305 with severe medical conditions;

75 CHOICE clients who were unable to perform 1 activity of daily living;

1,305 who couldn't perform 2 activities of daily living and

1,592 with 3 or more deficits in activities of daily living. These would be individuals who if they were eligible financially would likely move on the A&D waiver.

Listed on page 15 you can see the cost savings for the state of Indiana annual per individual is \$4,416 in savings to the state and almost \$36,000 in saving to the federal government.

Old Business:

Monthly Census Report:

The monthly stats comparing August 2014 to August 2013 shows there was a reduction in client numbers; reduction in number primarily is due to lack of an A&D wait list .

HB 1391 Community Living Project (CLP) program:

4 Area Agencies were designated for the pilot. They are : Area 1, Area 4, Area 13 and Area 14.

A CHOICE board member asked that the CLP program be explained and Rep. Clere explained the concept.

Karen said there is new income eligibility criteria for CLP project that is automated through the State and AAA case management system; once income and asset information is submitted to the system it calculates the cost share for the individual on CHOICE. Other eligibility changes include serving a client who has only 1 deficit of activities of daily living with new DA developed criteria. Additionally, per the legislation, a client may be served with no deficits in their activities of daily living with the CHOICE Board's approval of additional criteria developed by the Division.

Those proposed critical needs criteria were presented to the CHOICE Board, but could not be approved without a quorum.

Training for the executive leaders of the 4 selected area agencies and the supervisors of the case managers will be held November 13th.

The proposed desired outcomes for the CLP project include:

- Reduction in care plan costs,
- Prevention or delaying of institutionalization,
- Reduction of the CHOICE waitlist
- Clients are satisfied as their needs are being met.
- Clients receive more informal supports from family and other sources

Rep. Clere suggested that the waitlist may not go down as new people could come onto it and a better measure might be to measure length of time spent on the waitlist.

Other Business:

The Division has received a one year planning grant from the on Community Living called “No Wrong Door” which focuses on the needs for a consumer to reach the information and services they need without have contact a multiple agencies or state divisions. Ultimately we will develop a three year implementation for the “No Wrong Door” system of accessing long term service and supports throughout the state.

Additionally, the Division has been working on a transition plan for our waivers to meet federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ (CMS) new requirements. In March CMS issued a final rule that impacts home and community based settings. Indiana’s transition plan is due December 13, 2014. The plan must address how the state will assure that all waiver services are truly home and community based. This will primarily impact Assisted Living, Adult Family Care and Adult Day Services. The plan will be posted by November 1st on the State’s website. The Division of Aging will host five public hearings in various Assisted Living settings in the state and hold a hearing as a part of providers’ training in early November. Anyone is welcome to post comments by mail , email or on the website which is:

www.in.gov/fssa/4917.htm

I-4A Update:

Kristen LaEace said she wanted to stress to the Board members that the cost share program and the community living program are not statewide, it is just for the pilots. The revised cost share is just for the pilot and the area agencies that are not in the pilot are not allowed by law to use the new cost share.

Kristen said that since they were together last, I-4A incorporated a subsidiary corporation called the Indiana Aging Alliance, LLC. The purpose of the subsidiary is to facilitate contracting on behalf of the area agencies with managed entities typically for Medicaid services or services the MCOs are providing to Medicaid recipients.

I-4A will be looking at their legislative agenda, they have not approved any formal positions yet they are looking at their last year’s accomplishments. Kristen doesn’t expect they’ll be changing their agenda radically. She hopes to have them available by the next meeting. Two things that are coming up that they might want to track is the tax credit for the elderly and the nursing home bed moratorium. Kristen says with the push in wanting people to reach out to the ADRCs she wanted to remind everyone that there is no funding for ADRCs specifically the area agencies have to be creative and struggle to keep the ADRCs funded.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting tentatively scheduled for November 20th in Conference Center Room A.