

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

June 19, 2014

Board Meeting Minutes

Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room 17

402 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN

**CHOICE Board Members in Attendance:** Dorian Maples, Jean Macdonald, Rep. Ed Clere, Sen. Jean Breaux, Lynn Clough, Noble Stallons

**CHOICE Board Members Absent:** Prudence Twigg, Dr. Tim Janis, Andy Weidekamp

**Visitors in Attendance:** Rick Maples, Kristen LaEace, Grant Krevda, Gus Habig, Sydney Moulton

**Staff in Attendance:** Debbie Pierson, Karen Gilliland, Yonda Snyder, Willie Poindexter

**Call to Order:**

Jean called the meeting to order and asked for corrections to the minutes. She corrected the spelling of her last name; it's Macdonald with a capital small "d." With that change, no other corrections were needed and the minutes could be approved once there is a quorum.

**Division of Aging Update:**

Director of the Division of Aging Yonda Snyder said that per Indiana Code 12-10-11, one of the members of the Board is the Division of Family Resources Director or his designee, and Director Rhodes has designated Lynn Clough to be the new designee for the Board in his stead.

Karen Gilliland introduced Lynn Clough as the Director of Grants and Community Engagement. Lynn is working on two grant applications: one is a Fall Prevention grant for about \$400,000 and the second one is *No Wrong Door*, which is a systemic approach to determining eligibility for federal services so the potential consumer has only to apply one place. Karen said their hope and purpose in applying for this grant is to direct consumers to the ADRCs (Aging and Disabled Resource Centers). It is a one-year planning grant, followed by implementation. If we do not apply for the *No Wrong Door* grant, the State of Indiana could be left out of the whole cycle of funding; there are only eight states not part of this program. Karen said this is going to take coordination throughout all of FSSA. This funding will not focus only on Aging, but they do hope to drive it as part of the ADRCs' model.

Karen said the Medicaid Waiver numbers are 15,000+ and CCBs are being submitted now with a start date of July 1<sup>st</sup>. They have a cap of 15,265, and they have submitted an amendment to increase July 1<sup>st</sup> to 16,018 slots. In October, they will probably be submitting another revision; FSSA has had this commitment that the dollars will be there to keep their waivers open.

Karen said that last week the four area agencies that are pilots came together, and Areas 2 and 12 have joined the team for planning. They're looking at assessment tools they're going use and the Division is looking at the metrics they're going to put in place, the baseline and how they're going to measure different outcomes they want to see in the population base. The Division wants something they can turn around and give to the legislature to say, "maybe this is what we want to do statewide with the CHOICE resources." They're going to have to be creative because the Division didn't get a new allocation of dollars. The Division is going to have to be very conscientious in looking at its allocation and using it very judiciously, but they are still very excited. Karen said they are making a road trip to Area 12 so they can see the simpler model in which no money was invested; it was just community effort and refocusing local resources. Afterwards, they will be going to Area 2, which received grant money with focused guidelines on what to do with the money they received. Karen thinks the planning group will be bringing a lot to the table that helps them look at how we establish priorities, how do we look at what is the future of this program, and how we do need-based assessments, not program-based assessments.

The Division had a joint public forum last Tuesday on elder justice issues discussing the need for coming together and discussing some of their concerns with elder justice, adult protective services, and exploitation. Karen brought some of the handouts from the meeting for anyone who was interested. Karen said the Division is in the process of redesigning Adult Protective Services (APS), and it has applied for a grant from the National Adult Protection Services Association. It does not provide funding, but is a technical assistance grant because APS wants to look at expanding its model, which is based in the criminal justice system in the prosecutor's office, to include better connections with community services. Karen gave a sense of where they are with APS; they had approximately 40,000 calls in 2013. Twenty-five percent of those turned into active cases (about 10,000), but they only have 43/44 FTE investigators for the whole state. Karen said they are maxed out so they are looking at what can they do to help coordinate the care with better referrals of at-risk individuals to an appropriate setting, whether it's the area agencies, BDDS unit etc., so APS can investigate and coordinate better with other entities.

**I-4A Update:**

Kristen LaEace said one of the issues discussed in the Elder Justice Forum is that Indiana does not have the legal authority to create protective orders for older adults, so there is no mechanism for removing someone from the home. The Forum consisted of about 50 people including state agencies that were involved, including the Banker's Association, Credit Union Association, Financial Planners Association, sheriffs, advocate groups, Area Agencies on Aging, etc. Kristen said the people involved were excited to be able to make connections and learn from each other and they talked about the State Plan. They want to come together again perhaps in the near future when the Division moves forward with the technical assistance. Kristen informed the Board that World Elder Abuse Day is June 15<sup>th</sup>, and June 17<sup>th</sup> is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day for the State of Indiana and with the dates being so close together, they did a press release. World Elder Abuse Day happens every June 15<sup>th</sup> and is a worldwide observance. The Administration for Community Living is championing the national observance

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day, and its website has all kinds of helpful toolkits. Kristen also included a survey on Indiana's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) in the packet, which contains the findings of the 2012 BRFSS results on caregiving. She also included a report from the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, which explains how people feel about their long-term services and support needs when they think about their future, highlighting their expectations and what reality presents when they are in that situation, along with people's ability to fund their long-term care services and supports. Kristen said there is an annual report on America's health ranking in this report; there is a senior component and she included the Indiana results. Our state did not rank well and this report includes some of the reasons why (find the report at <http://www.longtermcarepoll.org/Pages/Polls/Long-Term-Care-2014.aspx>). Another report that comes out every year shows Indiana fared better than other states; about 13% of our older adults are food insecure or hungry and we have fewer seniors living in poverty than other states, which means that we need to keep trying to educate senior about SNAP and debunking the myths.

Kristen said the Eldercare Locator took advantage of Mother's Day and distributed a flyer on conversations that adult children can have with their parents related to aging issues such as: safety in the home, protection against scams, and end-of-life planning, etc. She also included a report on the industry insider perspective: the nursing facilities, institutions, retirement communities, and their discussions on where they see long-term care services and supports going and the business decisions they're making as a result.

Kristen said she will probably have more news about this toward the end of the summer, but Area Agencies are interested in looking at opportunities within the new managed care option coming out for the aged, blind, disabled population, not only to assure folks are going to be managed within that new paradigm, but that they can continue to access Area Agencies' services when they need them even though long-term care services and supports are proposed to be carved out. Kristen said I4A is in the process of forming a subsidiary corporation of its trade association that would act as a contracting agent on behalf of the area agencies. This is primarily to make some administrative fees for the area agencies and other managed care entities that might have an interest.

Karen Gilliland gave an update on the State Plan on Aging. It is now at the Governor's Office and Yonda Snyder met with the Governor's staff to answer any questions they might have. The DA isn't expecting any difficulties and will have the Plan to the Administration for Community Living by the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Karen also said that at the last meeting, Jean Macdonald had a question on the impact of changes in Medicaid eligibility for children with the elimination of spend-down. Karen said that for Indiana in 2013, there were a total of 291 spend-down-eligible children under the age of 18, and of non-CHIP-eligible children under age 18 who will lose some kind of service, 287 of those were not getting home health care; however, only four of those children are at-risk. Karen said for the children who became eligible for CHIP, 332 lost eligibility, six were getting home health care under Medicaid when they had spend-down, and with the new guidelines, four will not be eligible to go into the CHIP program and six will be eligible.

There was some discussion about clients falling through the cracks and Karen said that if someone was having problems, to get the information to them and they would follow up on it with the area agency.

**Public Comments:**

Jane Scott from About Special Kids (ASK) spoke on behalf of Holly Paauwe, and brought handouts that had been prepared for the Board. Jane read Holly's letter thanking the Board for welcoming her at the May meeting, and she would like to know what services are available on the DD side of the waiver system that people on the A&D waiver would like to see such as family and caregiver training. Holly's handouts included the results of some studies, data reflecting the impact on caregivers of caring for a child with special needs, and a copy of the fact sheet from the LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities) program. Jane also cited her personal story with her son coming off the A&D waiver. He is very complex physically, missing most of his four limbs. He became one of the first children to get on the A&D waiver years ago; he is now 26 years old. He was able to have an A&D waiver as he went away to college, he was able to get a job, he's driving and getting married next summer and trying to get off the A&D waiver, and he's having trouble. Jane said he got his paperwork together and went down to the DFR office and told them he wanted someone else to have this money and have the opportunity it allowed him.

Jean Macdonald mentioned that the Board would like a pediatric representative added to the CHOICE Board, but it would require legislation to do so. Jean asked Sen. Breaux and Rep. Ed Clere to get together and work on the language to get this position submitted to the legislature for approval.

Jean Macdonald wanted the audience to introduce themselves and after introductions, the meeting adjourned.