

**NEBRASKA MEDICAID MANAGED LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

December 3, 2013

1:30 to 4:00 PM

Lower Level Conference Room B
Nebraska State Office Building
301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska

Members in attendance: Brian Allison, Keri Bennett, Heath Boddy, Kim Falk (by phone), Tim Kolb (by phone), Julie Kaminski, Steve Morris, Marcia Muetting, June Pederson, Patty Pierson, Mike Schafer, Janet Seelhoff, Frank Velinsky

Members not in attendance: Kathy Hoell, Joni Thomas, Natalie Torrez

DHHS staff in attendance: Julie Docter, Julie Gillmor, Heather Leschinsky

Welcome

Julie Docter welcomed the Council members. Council members and State staff introduced themselves.

Updates

Heather Leschinsky updated the Council about decisions that have been made since the Council's last meeting in October:

- DHHS will be contracting with two Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) instead of one as had been previously announced.
- The contracted MCOs will be required to credential any willing provider of long-term services and supports during the first year of operation. Thereafter, as long as the MCOs can prove to DHHS that they maintain an adequate provider network that allows client access to providers, they will not be required to contract with any provider that would like to participate in their network.
- Council members with no potential direct financial interest in the contracted MCOs will be allowed to review and respond to relevant sections of the draft Request for Proposal (RFP). This review will be closed session(s) with no documents being sent ahead of time and all feedback provided during the session. No portion of the RFP will be allowed to be removed from the session.
- DHHS Legal Services has issued a directive that the financial provisions of Legislative Bill (LB) 1158 that pertain to Behavioral Health Managed Care must also be applied to the behavioral health services integrated in MLTSS. It is likely that DHHS will apply the provisions to the entire benefits package of MLTSS.
- Early Development Network (EDN) services coordination will be excluded from the MLTSS benefits package for children age birth to three years old.

Town Hall Meetings Report

Ms. Docter reviewed the attendance data from the Stakeholder Town Hall meetings conducted across the State in October and November. She also reviewed the common concerns, questions, and issues that were raised during the meetings and indicated that a number of them will be included in the Frequently Asked Questions document that will be posted to the MTLSS website in the near future.

Concept and Design Paper

Ms. Leschinsky reviewed the draft Concept and Design Paper which will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as well as made available on the MLTSS website. The paper explains Nebraska Medicaid's intent in implementing MLTSS, including a statement of program goals, target populations and services, and the intended administration of the program. Council members asked a number of questions or requested clarification of several points throughout Ms. Leschinsky's review.

Council Input

June Pederson submitted to the Council a letter from the Nebraska Association of Area Agencies on Aging (NE4A) advocating for the eight Nebraska Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to provide the Targeted Case Management service for HCBS waiver services in the MLTSS benefits package.

In addition, Council members:

- Recommended that MCO provider standards and enrollment processes be standardized;
- Concurred with Ms. Leschinsky's comment that poor quality of care will need to be defined if it is to be used as a basis upon which providers can be disenrolled from MCO networks;
- Requested the opportunity to review proposed capitation rate cells;
- Recommended "meaningful participation" in service needs planning be defined;
- Recommended that the use of accommodations to facilitate clients' full participation in service needs planning, provider selection, and service quality evaluation be written into the RFP;
- Supported NE4A's proposal that AAA provide the Targeted Case Management service for HCBS waiver services in the MLTSS benefits package; and
- Requested the opportunity to review the quality measures that are developed for MLTSS.

Keri Bennett will provide a list of accommodations for use when writing the RFP.

Frank Velinsky provided a sample of performance measures used in Iowa.

Next Meetings

The next several meetings of the Council will depend upon the status of the draft RFP.

Public Comment

Members of the public:

- Suggested that the RFP be written to require quarterly public forums hosted by the MCOs for various groups such as clients, providers, and the general public;
- Suggested that for at least the first year of operation, the League of Human Dignity and AAA continue to perform service needs assessments; and
- Suggested a year or two of research and performance measurement to establish a baseline before developing quality measures that might place an undue burden upon providers.