

## Minutes

### Nebraska Money Follows the Person Advisory Panel Meeting

October 24, 2011

Staybridge Suites

2701 Fletcher Avenue – Lincoln, Nebraska

#### **Members Present**

Heath Boddy	Dottie Brown	Pat Compton
Marla Fischer-Lempke	Julie Gillmor	Kathy Hoell
Mike Hon	Mark Intermill	Patty Pierson
Mike Schafer	James Summerfelt	

#### **Members Absent**

Mary Angus	Jerry Campbell	Cindy Fischer
Lori Harder	Paul Maginn	Kerry Michael
Mark Schulz		

#### **State Staff Present**

Stacey Brunner – DHHS	Angela Dibbert – DHHS
Pattie Flury – DHHS	Chad Frank – DHHS
Heather Krieger – DHHS	Leslie Novacek – NDE-ATP
Kay Wenzl – DHHS	Hope Whitaker-Blackmore – DHHS

#### **Call to Order**

Chad Frank, Grant Manager of NMFP, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., October 24, 2011, in the conference room of Staybridge Suites, 2701 Fletcher Avenue, Lincoln, Nebraska.

#### **Introduction/Welcome**

Chad Frank welcomed everyone to the NMFP Advisory Panel meeting and asked everyone to sign in. Julie Gillmor motioned to adopt the agenda and Mike Hon seconded.

Chad Frank mentioned there are changes to our website, so please be patient with us as it takes longer to get the NMFP agenda and minutes up on the website.

Minutes – Chad Frank reviewed the previous meeting minutes. A quorum was present; there was a motion to adopt the meeting minutes from June 27, 2011 by Jamie Summerfelt. Mike Hon seconded the motion. All voted in favor to adopt the minutes.

## **Updates**

Transition Activity Summary Report – Chad Frank reviewed the data. Chad Frank mentioned that there are issues with the numbers, which should be correct. NMFP has currently transitioned 129 individuals.

Panel member resignation – Chad Frank reported the resignation of Kerry Michael, Paul Maginn, and Mike Hon from the MFP advisory panel.

Panel member additions – Julie Gillmor with the ADRC and Dottie Brown with Leading Age have joined the MFP advisory panel.

## **Presentation**

Joanne Powell, Director of Reimbursement Strategy and Carla Trout, Regional Operations Manager for Home and Community Based Services, with Good Samaritan Society gave a power point presentation. Ms. Powell gave a brief overview of Good Samaritan Society's history. Good Samaritan Society is proud to introduce LivingWell@Home, a program that provides health-monitoring technology for seniors that includes sensors, telehealth and personal emergency response services. In 2010, Good Samaritan Society partnered with WellAWARE™/Philips/Honeywell; to develop research proposal and secured funding and received an \$8.1 million private grant to test this technology. This is only in five states: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, and Minnesota.

Carla Trout gave a brief description of each type of the LivingWell@Home Technologies: Philips Lifeline Personal Emergency Response System (PERS), Honeywell HomMed Genesis™ DM Telehealth Vital Signs Monitor, and WellAWARE® Sensor Technology. Ms. Trout demonstrated how the Honeywell HomMed Genesis™ DM Telehealth Vital Signs Monitor works on Chad Frank who volunteered. Under this grant it is no cost to the client if they qualify. After one year the client may have a cost..

Ms. Powell talked about the research study. Good Samaritan Society has partnered with the University of Minnesota. In the study they are trying to enroll 1600 Seniors in four high-risk groups. The first group is Seniors moving from inpatient acute-care back into a community setting. Second group is Seniors moving from post-acute care nursing facility back into a community setting. Third group is Seniors receiving elderly waiver benefits in a community setting. The last group is the Assisted living facility residents. All participants must have a landline and must be eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

*Adjourned for break at 11:08 a.m. Meeting resumed at 11:24 a.m.*

## **Agenda Discussion**

Transition Planning & Support activities (TPS) – Chad Frank updated the advisory panel of TPS and that it is almost ready to roll out. Mr. Frank showed the advisory panel how to log on to the TPS and briefed on the different screens in which the provider will have to fill out.

TPS provider update – NMFP has multiple agencies and providers that are interested in the TPS program. Once TPS rolls out, NMFP will contact the interested agencies to sign them up. NMFP will advertise TPS in the newspapers and in a statewide media campaign.

MFP housing bridge idea – Chad commented on the possibility of pursuing a housing voucher idea that will help MFP residents moving from a NF to the community receive financial housing assistance through MFP. This idea is in the draft phase and has not been developed for DHHS and CMS approval.

Home Again Sponsor Information – Kay Wenzl gave a brief interpretation of how providing transportation is not required to be a Home Again Sponsor. The HA sponsor will continue to be asked to assist the resident in finding appropriate transportation if needed.

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Closing**

Chad thanked everyone for coming since the meetings are every four months.

Mike Hon moved to adjourn the meeting. Pat Compton seconded.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Next Meeting February 27, 2012

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