

## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Instructions: [F-01922A](#)

Name of Governmental Body: Children's Long Term Support Council (CLTS)		Attending: Council Members - Liz Hecht, Jo Pelishek, Nissan Bar-Lev, Naomi Beahm, Patti Becker, Sharon Fleischfresser, Jonelle Brom; Charity Eleson (phone), Melanie Fralick (phone), Angela Radloff (for Lynn Green, Dane County), Darsell Johns (Phone), Joanne Juhnke, Barb Katz, Kirsten Menningen, Patty Harrigan Mills, Lisa Stephan, Sandra Tierney, Mitch Hagopian.
Date: 7/11/2018	Time Started: 9:10 am	Time Ended: 3:00 pm
		Public Attendees: Kimberly Rux (Premier FMS); Amy Litzer (Consumer Direct); Kim Ray (ORP), Kelly Bloschko (GCS), Vicki Gunderson (GT Independence), Dan Idzikowski (phone).
		State Staff: Curtis Cunningham, Deb Rathermel, Autumn Knudtson, Sue Larsen, Andrea Jacobson, Carrie Kahn, Dan Kramarz, Nancy Bills, Pam Rood, Javona Townsend, Kate Craemer.
Location: Holiday Inn at the American Center, 5109 West Terrace Drive, Madison, WI 53718		Presiding Officer: Liz Hecht, Chair

### Minutes

#### Operational:

- Approval of draft minutes. Motion made by Barb Katz, seconded by Nissan Bar-Lev to approve the April 18, 2018 meeting minutes as drafted without changes. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Public Comments:

- There were no public comments

#### DHS Updates: Deb Rathermel, Director, Bureau of Children's Services, Wisconsin Department of Health Services

- Council discussed future meeting start time options and agreed, without a formal motion, to continue to begin the meetings at 9 a.m.
- Council Membership – The Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary Linda Seemeyer has received a list of recommended names for individuals interested in membership positions on the CLTS Council but has not approved any new members. Requesting current CLTS Council members to reach out to family contacts in the western and northern parts of Wisconsin who might be interested in serving on the CLTS Council and encourage them to apply. Application information is available on the CLTS Council website: <https://cltscouncil.wisconsin.gov/members.htm>
- Nissan mentioned that the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's Council on Visually Impaired are also looking for new members.
- Deb Rathermel provided updates to the Council on the following proposals and initiatives: EPSDT (Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Program); DHS No Wrong Door Budget Proposal; NCI Survey Status; Functional Screen Informational Memo; and the Wait List Elimination Initiative.

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CLTS Council Meeting

July 11, 2018

**Waiver Rate-Setting Initiative – Overview and Council Input:** Autumn Knudtson, Section Chief, Policy and Initiatives, Bureau of Children’s Services, DHS. Carrie Kahn, Section Chief, Budget and Operations, Bureau of Long Term Care Financing, DHS.

- Distributed copies of the Wisconsin Medicaid Waiver Service Rate-Setting Initiative PowerPoint document which included the following: Scope of Initiative; Rate Setting Requirements; Services Included in Rate-Setting Project; Services Exempt From Rate-Setting Project; Stakeholder Outreach to Date; Rate Methodology Components; Acuity Level, Provider Type, Other Sources, Financial Management Services; and Next Steps. The CLTS Rate-Setting Initiative -- June 2018 Summary document was also distributed.
- Council requested that an electronic copy of this handout be attached to the minutes.
- Information regarding the CLTS Waiver Program Service Rates Initiative can be located at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/hcbs/ratestructure.htm>



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- Barb Katz mentioned that Family Voices is developing a fact sheet on this issue in the fall which will be helpful to families.
- Council member suggested that foster care coordinators and other county staff receive training on this so they differentiate this from other rate-setting
- Council member suggested that DHS work on letters that include examples so families and providers will be able to understand the rate-setting initiative better. Possibly hold a virtual forum (schools could do a live broadcast), or technical schools could be accessed to offer a satellite uplink so families could ask questions and get more information.

**CLTS Provider Directory Overview:** Sue Larsen, Section Chief, Program Integrity and Compliance, Bureau of Children’s Services, DHS.

- Distributed copies of the Children’s Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waiver Provider Registry and Directory Update including information on CLTS Waiver Provider Registry, Who Needs to Register; Increased Security - Allows Collecting New Registration Data Elements; Issuing New Agreement Forms; CWA Access to Online Registry Data; Online CLTS Waiver Provider Directory; and Next Steps. This website will be launched in the fall of 2018.
- BCS scheduled statewide CLTS Waiver Program Community and Provider forums from July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 23<sup>rd</sup> in the following cities: Green Bay, Wausau, La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee, Pewaukee, Ashland, and Eau Claire.

County staff, service providers and families can learn about the latest CLTS Waiver Program updates including: Draft of CLTS Service Rates; CLTS Provider Directory; CLTS Wait List Elimination Initiative.

**LUNCH BREAK**

**CLTS Provider Directory Overview Continued and Council Input:** Liz Hecht (Council Chair)/Sue Larsen/Carrie Kahn

- Council members asked questions regarding the Provider Registry and the Waiver Program Rate Schedule.
- Council member comments included:
  1. Need to clarify what a day rate is and how that breaks down into hourly (or partial hour) segments. DHS staff provided additional explanation regarding the different tier plans and the breakdown. Providers bill this way currently.

**Deciding Together Orientation:** Andrea Jacobson, Section Chief, Program Improvement and Quality Outcomes, Bureau of Children's Services, DHS

- Distributed copies of document including explanations of the following: Why Make Reforms; Biennial Budget Reforms; Vision for Equitable Funding Decisions; Scope for 2018-2019 Deciding Together roll-out; Purpose of Deciding Together; Deciding Together Steps: Issue/Need, Outcomes, Creative Thinking, Weighing Options; Choosing the Best Options; Plan Development; Monitoring; and Examples.
- Council member comments included:
  2. Separate family's needs vs. wants.
  3. Add personal care.
  4. Give more information how to navigate getting from start to results.
  5. Is there a possibility to pilot this plan?
  6. Need peer-to-peer mentoring support.
  7. Hold more regional or state meetings to learn collaboratively and use program modeling.
  8. Consult with DHS mediators regarding questions being asked of families to frame them to get better outcomes.
  9. Continue to include more parental input.
  10. Use mediation foundation guidelines to infuse different ideas.
  11. Use an assessment model outline to compare what is necessary, and what is possible for families.
  12. Ask families questions, for instance: What does life look like now? What could your future look like?
  13. Keep the list of questions short and focused.
  14. Life Course framework for supportive families is a good resource: [www.supportingfamilies.org](http://www.supportingfamilies.org).

**BCS, Statewide County Meeting: Deb Rathermel**

- Bureau is working on finalizing agenda for the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting in Wisconsin Dells
- If there are extra seats available, Council members will be notified if they are interested in attending

**Adjournment: Motion made by Sharon Fleischfresser to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nissan. Motion passed unanimously.**

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