

**Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) Council Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 29, 2011**  
**10:00AM – 3:00PM**

Council Chairperson: Liz Hecht

Council Members: Cheryl Berg, Lynn Breedlove, Hugh Davis, Melanie Fralick, Lynn Green, Pilar Guzman, Barb Katz, Keith Keller, Jodi Pelishek, Julie Turkoske, Linda VanNess, Walt Schalick, John Shaw

DHS Staff: Julie Bryda, Jill Kelly, Sue Larsen, Gail Propsom, Beth Wroblewski

Guest: Brett Davis, DHS Division of Health Care Access & Accountability Administrator

**I. Welcome & Introductions – Liz Hecht**

- a. Review of Agenda
- b. Barb Katz made a motion to approve the minutes. John Shaw seconded the motion.

**IV. Division of Long Term Care (DLTC) Updates – Beth Wroblewski, Deputy Administrator**

- a. Beth introduced Gail Propsom and welcomed her as the new Bureau of Long-Term Support (BLTS) Director.
- b. Beth provided a status update regarding the following DLTC programs and initiatives:
  - Family Care and IRIS enrollment caps are in place and the Department is working on strategies to make long-term care and supports more sustainable. The Department's analysis of long-term care costs showed that community-based supports are more cost effective than more restrictive residential services.
  - The Department of Health Services (DHS) and Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Foster Care Medical Home (FCMH) initiative will ensure each foster care child receives an individualized and coordinated care plan. Health screening and assessments as well as evidence-based interventions will be utilized under the initiative. There will be convenient

access to urgent care and flexibility in service delivery modalities in order to address the child's needs and to support family participation. The FCMH initiative will begin in southeastern Wisconsin (Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Washington and Waukesha). The service package builds on the BadgerCare Plus standard plan, with added features unique to children in foster care.

- The Birth to 3 1937 State Plan Amendment (SPA) will help offset county Birth to 3 Program early intervention service costs by increasing Medicaid reimbursement for these services.
- The Department has submitted these two 1937 SPA initiatives, along with several others to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for review and approval.

### **III. Medicaid Issues – Brett Davis, Division of Health Care Access & Accountability (DHCAA) Administrator**

- a. The Council requested that Brett Davis appoint a DHCAA staff person to serve as a representative on the CLTS Council who can address Medicaid issues. The Council emphasized the importance of Medicaid services for children with long-term support needs, such as prior authorizations, incontinent supplies, and more recently, Logisticare travel contract. In addition to Logisticare, the Council also raised the issue of personal care services, and would like a presentation on the mental health initiatives for populations with two or more chronic conditions.
- b. Brett agreed with the request to appoint a DHCAA staff person to the Council, and asserted that Medicaid payment and benefit reforms, as well as other long term care issues need to be closely reviewed. The overall goal is to ease into a more sustainable and cost-effective program.

### **Lunch**

### **VI. Long-Term Care Council Resolution on Enrollment Caps – Liz Hecht and Lynn Breedlove**

- a. The Wisconsin Council on Long Term Care will be submitting a letter to Secretary Smith, requesting that the Family Care and IRIS program enrollment caps be lifted. Lynn Breedlove made a motion for the CLTS Council to support this letter, and Barb Katz seconded the motion.
- b. Liz noted that this was Lynn Breedlove's last CLTS Council meeting, as he is retiring from his post as the Director of the Disability Rights

Wisconsin (DRW) and from the CLTS Council. Walt Schalick extended his appreciation to Lynn Breedlove for his dedication, hard work and commitment to the CLTS Council. It was noted that Council member Linda VanNess will also be retiring from Waushara County Human Services, and will no longer be serving on the CLTS Council.

- c. The CLTS Council has developed a proposal based on Dane County's Youth Employment Services (YES) to provide services for young adults who have integrated employment in the community after graduating high school and those who do not have a job but are working towards integrated employment. A proposal was drafted and contains two elements that promote integrated employment and provide family guidance and support for families. The LTC service package includes services that can promote community living:

**Employment Related Services**

- Service coordination/case management
- Consumer Directed support broker services
- Customized and supported employment services
- Vocational future planning
- Job coaching
- Assistive technology
- Daily Living Skills

**Family Support Related Services**

- Consumer/Family Education and Training
- Respite Care
- Supportive Home Care

In advancing this proposal, individuals with complex disabilities and medical needs will be supported by these services as needed within an individualized service plan within Wisconsin's long-term supports.

**V. BLTS/Children's Services Section Updates – Sue Larsen, Chief**

- a. The CLTS Waivers renewal application has been approved by CMS. New waiver performance benchmark measures have been added, along with the following three new services:
  - Autism Consultative Behavioral Intervention
  - Community Integration Services
  - Mentoring

BLTS is finalizing the remaining policies and procedures to operationalize the new services, including the necessary third party administration (TPA) claims coding requirements. The new services will be available for children's service plans in 2012.

- b. A Compass Wisconsin: Threshold report was shared with the Council. The Threshold demonstration project includes the counties of Kenosha, Racine, Walworth and Waukesha. Last year's Threshold expansion to Kenosha and Waukesha Counties has been effective and is well received.
- c. BLTS has established a Family Support Program Workgroup to review and update the Family Support Program Manual, which was originally issued many years ago.

*Barb Katz made a motion to change the Family Support Program's statutory language in order to preserve funds within Children Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waivers programs (similar to the statutory language in place for the Community Options Program [COP]). Walt Schalik seconded the motion.*

## **VI. Wrap-Up**

- a. There is an updated letter posted on the CLTS Council's website, detailing the membership application process. Potential members are encouraged to apply. To find out more about the Council and the application process please visit the website at:  
<http://cltscouncil.wisconsin.gov>.
- b. The Council's 2012 meeting schedule will be shared at the next meeting.

## **VII. Adjourned 3:07 PM**