

Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Council
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2011
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Council Chairperson: Liz Hecht

Council Members: Cheryl Berg, Fredi Bove, Lynn Breedlove, Hugh Davis, Sharon Fleischfresser, Sue Gilbertson, Lynn Green, Pilar Guzman, Barbara Katz, Keith Keller, Sally Mather, Jodi Pelishek, Walt Schalick, Julie Turkoske, Linda Van Ness, Beth Wroblewski

DHS Staff: Tracey Brent, Julie Bryda

Guests: Laura Birnbaum-Singler, UW Master's of Social Work Student, Charity Eleson, Luxvida LLC

I. Welcome and Introductions—Liz Hecht

- a. Review of Agenda

II. Updates—Liz Hecht

- a. Barbara Katz and Liz Hecht met with Secretary Dennis Smith to share and discuss some of the Children's Long-Term Support Council's materials; specifically why children are not included in ADRCs and Compass Wisconsin: Threshold. Secretary Smith seemed interested in issues and experiences of families in the long-term support programs and self-directed programs; specifically IRIS and Family Care. Secretary Smith does not support rationing medical care or benefits. Family Voices also plans on conducting a survey about efficiencies in Medicaid, which they will submit to Secretary Smith.

Bureau Director Beth Wroblewski also met with Secretary Smith, where she discussed children's programs; specifically the CLTS Waiver, Katie Beckett Program, and again Compass Wisconsin: Threshold. He also seemed interested in these programs.

- b. Future Meeting with Secretary Smith

The Council would like to schedule a meeting with Secretary Smith and discussed several talking points they'd like to use. These talking points include:

1. Vision for the Council—what does he want from the council as far as interaction and advising?
2. How does he feel about the scope of Medicaid card benefits?

3. An overview of the knowledge, history, and expertise of the council members.
4. Specific details about demonstration projects, coupled with Compass Wisconsin: Threshold.
5. The integration of systems is working well.

III. Division Updates—Beth Wroblewski

- a. New administration
 - i. Secretary, Dennis Smith
 - ii. Deputy Secretary, Kitty Rhoades
 - iii. Executive Assistant, Kevin Moore
- b. Last day for Division Administrator Susan Crowley was January 3, 2011
- c. Fredi Bove remains Deputy Administrator

IV. Children's Long-Term Support Updates—Beth Wroblewski and Julie Bryda

At this time there are many vacant positions within the Bureau which are currently under a hiring freeze. This is typical when the Administration transitions. Beth Wroblewski has a meeting to forward critical positions along. Julie Bryda has voluntarily accepted the position of Team Lead, which was previously Theresa Walske's position, and is no longer the Children's Services Section Chief. Katie Sepnieski's vacant contract position has been filled by Alice Thorson.

The waiver simplification project continues to be implemented and it is now mandatory that counties utilize this method. According to county representatives, the new process is effective and helps expedite the process.

A record review pilot process is currently being developed and a notification has gone out to counties chosen to take part in this pilot process. Contracted staff will be hired to help conduct the record reviews this year and report on them.

Regional meetings are going to be scheduled for late winter/early spring and will be more issue related, versus a standard presentation.

V. CMS Renewal of CLTS Waiver—Beth Wroblewski

CMS requires 39 distinct performance measures related to the six assurances that must be met. BLTS is transitioning to a new claims processing system to comply with the federal requirements for a Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) for claims processing and data reporting. The Bureau is implementing a Third Party Administration (TPA) claims process and has contracted with a vendor, Wisconsin Physicians Services (WPS) to process and pay provider claims and issue encounter-level reporting. This process has been tested in the following five pilot counties: Dane, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Shawano, and Waushara. A draft memo was released to the

Wisconsin County Human Service Association, explaining the process and how it will be rolled out statewide. DHS intends to complete the TPA transition by the end of 2011.

VI. Approval of Minutes

- a. Barb Katz made a motion to approve the minutes.
- b. Jodi Pelishek seconded the motion.
- c. All approved.

Lunch

VII. CLTS Waiver Statistics—Julie Bryda

- a. Currently there are 5,108 children on the waiver
- b. Breakout by funding source
 - i. 1,459 are on State-Matched slots
 - ii. 1,257 are on Local-Matched slots
 - iii. 914 are in the Intensive program
- c. Breakout by target group
 - i. 1,478 are in the Ongoing program
 - ii. 3,360 of these children are in the DD target group
 - iii. 1,357 of these children are in the SED target group
 - iv. 391 of these children are in the PD target group
- d. There are currently 296 children on the intensive wait list

VIII. Compass Wisconsin: Threshold—Sally Mather and Charity Eleson

The one-year demonstration project in Racine and Walworth County will end effective March 31, 2011. Sally and Charity will interview those involved with this demonstration project, write a final report and submit it to the Department. Other counties have expressed their interest. Transition resources are now available on the Compass Wisconsin: Threshold website, <http://www.compasswisconsin.org/>.

- a. Breakdown of statistics for intake and application
 - i. 5.2 intake calls weekly
 - ii. 17% of all families who called were screened out
 - iii. 56% of families who received applications have completed or scheduled a home visit
 - iv. 58% of the families who have completed the application process have received a final eligibility determination letter
- b. Breakdown of statistics for programs applied for and eligibility
 - i. 22% of families that applied, applied for only 1 program
 - ii. 33% of families that applied, applied for 3 or more programs
 - iii. 27% of all children that applied did not have an existing source of Medicaid
 - iv. 64 children received either a partial or full eligibility determination
 - v. 115 programs have had eligibility determinations

- IX. Current and Future Landscape—Fredri Bove and Beth Wroblewski**
- a. Governor Walker is predicted to issue the 2011-13 biennium budget on February 22, 2011; at that time the division will learn of his decisions and plan accordingly.
 - b. A fiscal repair bill is expected to be released this week.
 - c. Langlade County implemented adult long-term support reform in January 2011, such that 56 of 72 counties on board with this program.
 - d. In the current budget, there is room to expand Compass Wisconsin: Threshold.

- X. Council Recommendations for the Biennial Budget 2011-2013 Update—Liz Hecht**
- The council will form a focus group to draft questions regarding self-direction, and how they want it to be different than it is now. The council will also hold a conference call to hear what is happening with the budget and decide their next steps. Fredri Bove has agreed to take part in this call to answer any questions the council may have regarding the budget. The council will then present their budget recommendations to Secretary Smith.

- XI. Wrap-Up—Liz Hecht**
- a. A questions committee consisting of Lynn Breedlove, Sue Gilbertson, Liz Hecht, Keith Keller, Jodi Pelishek, and Julie Turkoske will set up a conference call to draft questions for a meeting with Secretary Smith.

- XII. Adjourned at 3:00 PM**