



State of Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities

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Draft Minutes

9:16 AM **Welcome and Introductions**

Chairperson: Benjamin Barrett

Council Members: Karen Secor; Heather Bruemmer; Roberto Escamilla II; John Meissner ; Craig Wehner; Kurt Rosmont; Barbara Belling

Phone: Noah Herschkowitz, Joanne Grebner

Support: Tammy Hofmeister, BCS and Gary Roth IT

Presenters: Curtis Cunningham, Deputy Administrator, Division of Long-Term Care (DLTC), Carrie Molke, Director, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR), Kari Engelke, IRIS Quality Assurance Specialist, Carrie Kahn, Section Chief, Bureau of Long Term Care Financing, Craig Wehner (DWD); Mike Bachhuber ILC, Heather Bruemmer, Barbara Belling

Absent: Charles Vanderplas

9:18 AM Approval of the Agenda – **Karen moved and seconded by John - Pass**

9:20 AM **Approval of Minutes - John moved and seconded by Roberto - Pass**



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9:21 AM Continue discussions on the Updating of the State Plan

Annual Report reports on the outcomes of the state plan and work of the council. **Motion to approve initiative to update the State Plan with amendments John motion. Karen second. Pass**



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plan.docx

Amendments the State Plan/Annual Report as successes:

- Tool kit for Emergency Preparedness
- MAPP
- Signage
- Host 25 Anniversary of ADA Bus Tour
- Ben Barrett received the Spirit of the ADA Award! **CONGRATULATIONS Ben!**

9:27 AM Federal Update on Emergency Preparedness Regarding People with Disabilities

- Jessica Mitchell, Federal Emergency Management Administration-Region V, was deployed to South Carolina, so she was not able to attend this meeting. Jessica will be invited to the next meeting on January 28, 2016.
- Karen Secor provided an update about the Deaf/hard of hearing tool kit for Emergency Preparedness which is being used as a template to prepare an emergency toolkit for people with PD.
- The original checklists have been augmented to include PD. The four checklists include
 - disability check list,
 - general check list,
 - car check list and
 - important documents checklist
- Curtis wanted to know what the Department could do to help with this effort.
- Karen indicated a need for funding of the electronic version of the tool kit.
 - The Council will be asking for FEMA for funds for a PDF version and then hard copies.
 - Public Health Preparedness money has been used thus far to get the PDF version.
 - A plan needs to be developed for dissemination to, ADRC's, ILC's Counties etc.
 - It was suggested to appeal this information to all people not just people with PD.
- **Curtis suggested inviting Emergency preparedness to a meeting to discuss what shelters are doing and should be done for Emergency Preparedness**
- **WEMS Wisconsin Emergency Management system**
- **Lisa, Public health and Brian Sutulla, Joe Cordova are suggested people to talk about emergency shelters and what their requirements are for, sleeping quarters, visual communication board, water, electricity, etc.**

10:43 AM Department of Health Services-Division of Long-Term Care Presentation on Family Care/IRIS 2.0

Curtis Cunningham, Deputy Administrator, Division of Long-Term Care (DLTC)
Carrie Molke, Director, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR)
Kari Engelke, IRIS Quality Assurance Specialist
Carrie Kahn, Section Chief, Bureau of Long Term Care Financing

Act 55: <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2015/related/acts/55.pdf>



Questions to generate dhs-publichearing-09
Stakeholder testimony 2015.pdf

- DHS Web site for FamilyCare/IRIS 2.0

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/familycareiris2/index.htm>

- 10 public hearings have taken place to get input from stakeholders about how to reform the long term care system

Question: John M. In regard to IRIS, dealing with equipment need for people with disabilities, IC's are telling people that they need to find other ways, other than IRIS funds to obtain needed equipment because IRIS is the funder of last resort. Why are IRIS participants being told that the program that they are enrolled in is the last place to use for needed services?

Answer: Curtis will take this question back to the department and get information about this.

Roberto indicated IRIS in DVR and IRIS in LTC is confusing

Question John M. How does a person self-direct with a "team"?

Answer: Curtis There is no active management in IRIS. Curtis wants to maintain true self direction. Medical side fee for service in the system now, under IHA they will be managing the health care with a Managed Care Medical model.

Comment Roberto: It would be helpful if living wills and Power of Attorney were part of the FC/IRIS 2.0 service package

Answer: Curtis would like to see requirements about including planning of living wills and power of attorney in 2.0

Question Noah Will all IRIS providers be providers under new system?

Answer Curtis: Individuals in long term care IRIS have the authority to hire and fire. The discretion of individual Managed Care organizations will be required to meet the needs. DHS does not know if providers will be the same but there will be a continuity of care provision in the contracts. **Noah:** A statement about approximately the same services is more accurate.

Curtis: You mean the same experience? The service menu will be the same. Full menu of services will be made available in 2.0. DHS wants a robust provider network. Participants may not have same doctor, dentist, etc. Each IHA would need to have doctors, but maybe not the one you have now. Continuity of Care provisions will be in the contract.

Dan comment: There needs to be services offered to people to assist with paper work with coordination of benefits. Before and after enrollment.

Ben comment: There needs to be assurances that there is local presence. Mayo Health systems need to be in the IHA's network. There needs to be strong quality standards and robust quality oversight in 2.0.

Carrie Molke: If you have any Quality Goal ideas please share them.

Kurt Comment: Where are the preventive aspects that need to be taken into consideration in a medical model that assist with increasing health outcomes? Some examples of this are hobbies and activities, peer mentoring, professional interaction with activities of daily living, adaptive sports and recreation. These create systems where people are in control. This creates supported care instead of managed care!

Joanne comment: The administrative costs of IHA's should reflect current administrative cost of the MCO's. Make the administrative cost the same as current cost do not merely cap the administrative costs. It is not appropriate for IHA's to have different administrative costs, which are projected to be much higher, than current MCO's.

Curtis Comment: Contracts will be written in a way to incorporate all the concepts that are now in the current contracts

Curtis Request: If you could develop the best transportation system in the world to address all the needs what would it be? Any ideas are welcome.

- Implement FC/IRIS 2.0 statewide by January 2017 or a later date set by DHS

Date

Fall 2015

First Quarter 2016

April 1, 2016

Upon Legislative Approval

July 1, 2016

September 30, 2016

Milestone

Solicit public input.

Draft concept plan.

Submit concept plan to Legislature.

Draft waiver request.

Release waiver for public comment.

Submit waiver to federal government.

12:10 PM Lunch Speakers, Mike Bachhuber, Executive Director, Independent Living Council of Wisconsin and Beth Swedeen, Executive Director, Board for People with Developmental Disabilities will discuss Opportunities for Collaboration on Renewing and Updating State Plans Affecting People with Disabilities.

- Beth Swedeen. insert 2 handouts: BPDD Conversations Cafes and Survey results for state plan priorities
 - BPDD is holding Conversation Cafes around the state to receive input from people about their state plan. See handouts for dates
 - BPDD sent out a survey to people to gather information about the biggest barriers that get in the way of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. 389 people responded with:
 - #1 issue: Affordable and accessible transportation
 - #2 Integrated Employment in the community
 - #3 Social Networks and supports outside of paid supports
- Mike Bachhuber:
 - State plan approved Center IL under rehab act 1973 changed with WIOA changes to create core service to divert people with disabilities from institutional care and to assist with the transition back from institutional care to community care. Also the plan approved assisting with transition students in special education programs back into the community after graduation.
 - New state plan process, now ILC and IL are housed under DHS was DWD/DVR.
 - Nov. 9, 2015 in Greenbay public meeting to discuss changes
 - Several more hearings will be held but are not scheduled yet.
 - Housing, transportation, economic support and leadership development and access and quality to ILC's. Same structure with the plan.
 - <http://www.il-wisconsin.net/council> web site to see state plan and

top priorities, which are: transportation, housing, access to technology and long term support

- <http://www.wi-bpdd.org> policy link policy briefs 2013 Data to view
- Mike has a county list resources for transportation and will send it to me to put in minutes
- Transportation
 - Uber and Lift: ADA does apply but...there are issues
 - Nonprofit Wisconsin Dairyland low-interest car loan program in Eau Claire and surrounding counties Work and Wheels–
http://www.westerndairyland.org/Work_n_Wheels.phtml
 - Southwest Wisconsin community action agency wheels to work program <http://swcap.org/service-workwheels.html>
 - Marathon County wheels to work:
<http://marathon.uwex.edu/family-living/wheels-to-work/>
 - Oshkosh and Winnebago <http://wiscap.org/advocaps-work-n-wheels-transportation-program-awarded-grant/>

- Curtis comment: Written testimony is appreciated. We need public input. October 29, 2015 is the public comment deadline. They will take comment after that period if necessary.
- **John Comment:** The appeals and grievance process needs to continue to be an internal and external process.

Suggested Recommendation for Testimony for 2.0 Family Care IRIS

- ✓ In and out of network providers need to be included
- ✓ Dan reminded the Council to include 5 guiding principles of acute and primary care
- ✓ Joanne suggested, administrative costs need to be fair and equitable and reflect current practice of setting administrative costs
- ✓ Purchase of vehicles should be in benefit package, especially if vehicle is needed for driving
- ✓ Maintain choice of both doctors and who cares for you
- ✓ Employment built into the IHA's
- ✓ Maintain current menu of services
- ✓ During the transition period of changing from existing system to Family Care/IRIS 2.0, there needs to be counseling/navigation of the new system included in the service package
- ✓ Have same criteria for enrollment as now
- ✓ Develop a well-defined grievance and appeal process
- ✓ Continue both ombudsman programs for DD and aging
- ✓ Develop rigorous oversight by DHS staff
- ✓ Quality measures need to be developed and implemented. Something like PEONIES needs to be required.
- ✓ Look at past success and incorporate them into the plan
- ✓ Strengthen ADRC role with Options Counseling

1:00 PM Public Comment

- None

1:05 PM Updates from Liaisons

- Department of Natural Resources - none
- Board on Aging and Long-Term Care Heather Bruemmer, Liaison
 - Medicaid Advantage Help Line is up and running. 42 volunteers
 - FC NE going well.
 - Big question for the NE areas of the state is, “How do things change in 2.0?”
- Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, Barbara Belling, Liaison
 - Open enrollment under Affordable Care Act is happening now. Individual health insurance on or off exchange can be changed at this time.
 - Some health plans are changing service area. Non Medicare only.
 - Currently if someone is on Part B they are held harmless.
 - Poor people under 65, the penalty is increased to \$696 to go without insurance. They are suing market place base tax credit on most recent family income data to calculate premium tax credit; if subsidy not reconciled tax credit will go away.
 - People receiving Medicaid or Medicare not eligible for tax credit. IRS sent letters out to people who are on both.
 - Update on navigators are federal grant to exchange on Sept 2 2015, new grants were announced 3 organizations received a grant see attachment.



2015 Navigator Grant
Recipients.docx

- Financial staff is working on IHA at the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance.
- Wisconsin Technical College System-none
- University of Wisconsin System-none
- Department of Administration, Division of Housing-none
- Department of Administration, Division of Professional Services and Public Safety-none
- Department of Transportation-none
- Department of Workforce Development/Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Craig Wagner
 - DVR has announcement a new administrator, Delora Newton
 - Public hearings about DVR changes have received many written responses
 - There seems to be three categories of concerns
 - farm plan change to not purchase items for farms but will still be able to provide modification of farm equipment,
 - no longer purchasing cars,
 - case load too high
 - **Can DVR cosign for car loans?**
- Craig related this question to a previous policy about subscription services; DVR used to pay for internet services but had many complaints, so are not doing that any more.

3:23 PM Break

3:30 PM Committee Updates

- Long-Term Care Committee-Ben Barrett:
Motion for Dan to draft testimony in support of MAPP assembly bill
441 John motion Karen second- pass
- Nov. 10th at Capitol from 3:00-3:30 PM. Council needs a volunteer to give testimony on MAPP- John or Noah thinking about it Noah could be at the Capitol at 2:15 at the earliest
- MAPP Reform and Sustainability-Improving Work Supports and Incentives for Individuals with Disabilities-Draft testimony being developed by Dan



Rep Jacques MAPP
Bill.pdf

- Testimony Submitted to DVR –no discussion



Final DVR Testimony
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<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/familycareiris2/index.htm>

Survival Coalition Testimony on Students with Disabilities- no discussion



Survival Coalition
Testimony - 10-13 Urt

- Emergency Preparedness -Review Draft Online Emergency Preparedness Toolkit, Karen Secor- discussed earlier in meeting
- Transportation-Update on Draft Legislation Regarding Taxicab Pick-up from Designated Parking and Progress on Recognizing Any Parking Sign, John Meissner
 - All University campuses have additional requirements for parking for people with disabilities. If you have a hang tag or a disabled parking license plate, you still have to go to Transportation Department at the UW-Madison and pay \$7.00 for an additional parking sticker to park without getting a ticket.
 - Noah thinks that an attorney in Chicago is working on this issue. Noah will check.
- Housing-Report on Housing for All Advisory Committee, Joanne Grebner
 - Karen requested the HUD website link. Dan will work with Theola Carter to get HUD website.

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/H no UD?src=/states/wisconsin>

New Business

Hotel Association:

- Bed height access **Noah volunteered to write a letter to the Hotel Association, Dan will work on letter with Noah.** Trisha Pugal is the contact at the Hotel Association.
- Information in the newsletter article will include information on what the issue is and technical recommendations to remedy the issue. The article will be both technical and informative.
- After the Hotel Newsletter article is published it is then recommended to then go to one of their meetings to follow up on the progress of this issue.

Vacancies on the PD Council

- PD Council is 30 years old and was created by Governor Thompson to deal with issues for people with physical disabilities.
- Need 4 more members - Governor's office needs application, Rachel at the Governor's office can be our contact.
- Vacancies on Council ask people
- Jeffery Bronk person who is deaf might be interested
- Retired professor Dr. David Zimmermann might be a good recruit for the Council
- **Would like to ask Patrick Young to join the PD Council**
- **Invite Rachel to meeting on Jan. 28, 2016**

4:36 PM Adjourn – John move to adjourn and seconded by Roberto. Passed.

PD Council Meeting Schedule for 2016- Mark your calendars!

(4th Thursday first month of quarter)

Jan 28, 2016

April 28, 2016

July 28, 2016

October 27, 2016

***Dan: Issues from previous meeting that were not addressed at the October meeting

This Council recommends a consumer to attend the Transportation Council – Noah Herschkowitz - said he would be interested to be on this Council. Ben will send an email to David Stepien and include Noah to connect for the Council meeting.

- “Housing for All” Conference – not much for people with PD. Habitat doesn't consider accessibility – only case by case basis if family has someone in a wheelchair – why not consider Visitability with no added cost should be done when building the homes – **This committee could address this directly with Habitat and invite them to talk about these issues.**
- When a taxi company has a fleet of vehicles, if all sedans then don't have to be accessible. ADA states if they get a van it must be accessible – if they have one van must be accessible. Intent of ADA to have “a” van it must be accessible, but judge in NY determined only a “new” van had to be accessible. **Want to propose law to state new or used must be accessible.** Charging higher fees for use of accessible vans across the state.

Update on National Council on Disability Forum Monday, August 31, 2015

Learned a lot from yesterday's meeting – excellent forum – there was not representation from the PD

community. Medicaid information. Disability Rights used to send people to attend our meetings.

- AARP – invite them to speak about common issues – Possibly December meeting – they have a seat on the Housing Council – will want to look at recommendations for DHS – we need to prepare questions for DHS – start thinking about issues.
Would like to ask Patrick Young to join the PD Council – articulate and started his own home care business.

Public Health preparedness Advisory Committee- supposed to meet with AARP – want an AARP (Helen Markslipts) representative to this meeting would be a link for Emergency Preparedness toolkit – they have a large list of people in Wisconsin and get our toolkit in hands of AARP magazine or make connections.

Council example of a Recommendation – do not require a RN and Social Worker to both attend all Team meetings. Look at being more efficient in providing support for the consumer. Respectful of the consumer as part of the team – most important person at the table. Decision made by the team with a consensus that includes the consumer.

Council Recommendation - Restrict Administrative Fees and match the current Family Care percentage. Federal Admin is 15% and the current MCO 4-6% Admin. Keep the IHA under the same expectation as the MCOs.

Next meeting topic – bringing together managed long term care with acute primary medical care – combining these two services may have challenges.

Emergency Preparedness Committee-Report on Revising Emergency Toolkit to Meet the Needs of People with Physical Disabilities.

- How are EMTs being prepared for working with people with physical disabilities? Need more training to the first responder community that prepares assisting people with physical, sensory and developmental disabilities.
- Audit report contains 7 major recommendations and requested DHS report back by fall 2015.
- Consider developing performance standards regarding response and abandoned calls and we have several performance metrics.

Recommendation – What are the strategies we can use to provide employment services in the rural areas?

1:00 PM Review and consider possible actions and recommendations in response to:

The ideology that argues for the euthanizing of people with disabilities of all ages being taught by Peter Singer, tenured professor of ethics at Princeton University.



Adapt Action in
Trenton New Jersey, NJ

NJ Governor is getting a visit from advocates on Sept. 10th and the position of the University supporting freedom of speech should not be supported. Asking Governor Christie to speak out.

Council write letter to Princeton College – Joann and Ben will create a letter. Motion made by Joann and seconded by John. Sent copies to Chicago Princeton Alumni Association, our federal representatives, paralyzed veterans, others?

Singer statement can't find on the web – movement – against providing medical care for infants born with no possibility of understanding life – hearsay? – check out Singer statements first prior to sending a letter. Ben will do research first before sending our letter to be based on facts.

ABLE in Milwaukee – transcribe educational materials, tax forms, professional development materials, tech training manuals, slide presentations, election ballots, diagrams, maps, health, business cards. Council send a congratulations to ABLE for 50 years of service. Celebration is on their website – www.ablenow.org/services Joann makes a motion to send a letter and seconded by Roberto. Roberto will

create a letter and send to Dan Johnson.

**Add Parking Lot on agenda on each meeting to keep past questions and issues on our radar for follow-up.

I guess I just did this one! 😊

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