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Nursing Facility Advisory Council
Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

303 E. 17th Ave.
7th Floor Conference Room 7AB
Denver, CO 80203

February 17, 2016
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

On the Phone
Jo Tansey  CDPHE

ATTENDEES
Lonnie Hilzer  Continuum Health Management
Doug Farmer  CHCA
Janice Brenner  Leading Age CO.
Jennifer Reinheimer  Myers & Stauffer
Joyce Hurist  C&G Health Care
Josh Fant  CHCA
Anne Meier  Disability at Law CO
Sarah Schumann  Brookside Inn
Arelene Miles  Capitoline
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Sarah Serrar  COA

STATE STAFF
Cathy Fielder  HCPF
Randie Deherrera  HCPF
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Saori Kimura  HCPF
Susan Love  HCPF
Joana Vasquez  HCPF
Van Wilson  HCPF
Tim Cortez  HCPF

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Saori Kimura (HCPF) - Welcome and Introductions

Note: Meeting was not recorded this month.

Saori confirmed everyone received a copy of last month’s minutes and asked if there were any changes needed.

Clarification on the due date for P4P applications: The due date is February 29, 2016 not February 28th.

Van Wilson (HCPF) ACC Update

A Learning Collaborative (LC) conference was held not too long ago and over 200 participants attended. The goal of the LC was to share information and ask/answer questions between the RCCOs and nursing facilities.

Van announced there will be a Learning Collaborative (LC) web based meeting on March 7, 2016 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. They are hoping the attendees will include the direct practice workers who perform the job duties so that the level of information directly relates to the job being performed and any questions can be shared by both groups.

Some questions to think about:
1. What does the perfect partnership look like between the RCCOs and facilities?
2. Is there a place for RCCOs within a facility?
3. What would be the shared goals and/or mutual benefits from having this partnership?

Invite for the March 7, 2016 LC will be sent soon.

Tim Cortez (HCPF) No Wrong Door Overview

Since the last meeting, a list of questions was submitted to HCPF along with a letter from CHCA/CCAL. Tim Cortez joined the February meeting to address/answer these questions and concerns.

Key points:
1. A Pilot Site will not be selected to participate in the NWD grant if their plan does not include a placement option into/out of a nursing facility.
2. Cost, Quality of Life and Choice are considered during this process. With the knowledge that one can’t compare a nursing facility placement to a community living placement as the costs associated to each living arrangement can’t be compared. Nursing facilities are all-inclusive and community living has multiple variables.
Jennifer Reinheimer (Myers and Stauffer) P4P Update and Q&A

The P4P application deadline is 2/28/16 2/29/2016.

The first Cost Report workshop is being held 2/19/2016 and 41 have signed up to attend. Additional workshops will be forthcoming.

Anne Meier (Ombudsman) Complex Case/Placement

Anne opened a discussion about complex case/placement by providing an example of what the Colorado Springs’ Long Term Care Ethics group did during a meeting that had a 13 person panel with experts from various practices. They were able to provide person centered care solutions for those still residing in the hospital.

Anne would like to set up a small workgroup to focus on these individuals. She would like to define the barriers that exist and what can be done to knock them down. If you have questions or would like to join the workgroup, please contact Anne. Anne Meier, Colorado State Long-Term Care Ombudsman

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Eric Stricca (HCPF) Eligibility

Eric attended to address a couple of eligibility questions that were asked in last month’s meeting.

1. Garnishment – there is no reference in rule 42 CFR 435.725 about this deduction. Additionally, if Social Security does withhold payment because of garnishment, then it’s a court issue.

2. Home Maintenance Allowance (HMA) – there is no dollar amount noted but the OAP amount is currently used. For HMA there is a 6 month allowance if the resident is expected to return to their home and HCPF is aware that the HMA amount is not enough for a resident to cover their existing mortgage, so some residents lose their home.

For either of the above, the Department needs data that identifies the population affected by either of these and how much money is involved. The Department needs to understand if this is a regional issue or a state wide issue. If the data indicates the impact is great and state wide, potential next steps would be to amend the State Plan and investigate the possibility of submitting a budget request.
Public Comment

Comment: Doug Farmer asked about the revalidation of a doctor within a nursing facility. There is an issue with being set up in Xerox.

Response: Saori asked Doug to send her some information so we can look into it.

Comment: Cathy Fielder handed out the contact information for revalidation issues.

Please note the information that currently appears in Xerox must match the information you are putting into the revalidation application. If these don't match, Xerox may create a duplicate ID for you and then cause billing delays. (Items like legal name, doing business as name, tax-IDs, etc. must match.)

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.