Long Term Care Commission Meeting

August 8, 2014
Harrisburg, PA
Agenda

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Department Updates
- Data Presentation

- Work Group Information
  - Olmstead Act Overview
  - Lunch
  - Recommendations Exercise
Work Group Updates

• Status of work group meetings
• Use of representatives
• Establishing a work group steering committee for information sharing between the Departments, work group leads, and department facilitators
• Recommendation vetting
• Public input
• Recommendation example
Recommendation From Example

- Increase use of technology from Senate Commission on Long Term Care
Public Input

• The public input we received has been placed on the LTCC website.
• The input has been summarized and categorized into 11 themes.
• In some instances, the subcategories have been identified.
• Recommendations received via the public input process were then placed into the applicable category/subcategory.
• Policy papers are being developed for the 11 themes.
• The policy papers provide background information.
Overview of the Public Comments

- Consists of submitted testimony via email, mail and public input sessions.
- Seven regional meetings were held (Harrisburg, Mercer, Allison Park, Williamsport, Blue Bell, Pike, Philadelphia).
- Over 130 individuals testified.
- Submitted testimony may be viewed by visiting the Long – Term Care Commission website at:
  - http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/dpworganization/officeoflongtermliving/ltcc
- Comments are summarized and distributed to the workgroups.
# Common Themes

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Workgroup 1 – Prevention and Caregiver Support

Common Themes
Caregiver Support
Education
Insurance
Services

Caregiver Support
• Provide more money for caregivers
• Consider ideas to support caregivers in continuing to work

Education
• Provide information to families
• Expand public engagement and marketing
• Campaigns to help individuals plan for long-term care
• Simplify the access to information and support
Workgroup 1 – Prevention and Caregiver Support

**Insurance**
- Create a tax credit for individuals that purchase long-term care insurance
- Provide a tax incentive for families and other unpaid caregivers
- Encourage a better partnership between APPRISE counselors and insurance brokers
- Create a voluntary program for public/state employees to purchase long-term care insurance

**Services**
- Continue to support the role of the AAA
- Preserve Lottery funding for preventive Aging services
- Invest in services for individuals who are not nursing facility clinically eligible
- Invest in the home delivered meals program
Workgroup 2 – Accessibility

Common Themes
Access to Services
Timeliness of Service
Workforce

Access to Services
- Streamline waiver programs
- Improve access to care
- Address the closing of personal care homes
- Adopt Community First Choice Option
- Support Medicaid Expansion
- Expand Home and Community Based Services
Workgroup 2 – Accessibility

Timeliness of Service
- Inability for the system to provide adequate home modifications
- Access to affordable care in congregate settings – same day eligibility and service packages
- Shorten timeframe to access services
- Improve and shorten the service plan approval process

Workforce
- Increase pay and affordable healthcare
- Address the shortage of able, educated, and experienced care coordinators
- Promote the ability to control hires and manage care
- High quality services to participants can only be accomplished with qualified, trained and stable workforce with a dedicated system of supervision and support
Workgroup 3 – Provision of Service

Common Themes

Coordination
Rates
Service Models
Transitions

Coordination

• Improve care coordination
• Improve support to help navigate the continuum
• Improve coordination between behavioral health and aging services
• Create sample agreements to allow voluntary coordination – exchange regular data plans to allow access to waiver participants data and identify service coordination entities

Rates

• Increase pay for home care workers
• Increase payments to personal care homes
Workgroup 3 – Provision of Service

**Service Models**
- Provide funding to expand assisted living facilities and nursing facilities
- Fund support broker services
- Include vehicle modifications in the Aging waiver
- Implement the agency with choice model of service

**Transitions**
- Improve the transition process for children aging into the system
- Improve transitions of care
- Integrate care for duals
- Address the timeliness of transition between a skilled nursing facility and the community
- Create of a third category (for example, personal care home or assisted living) – not everyone who needs care requires long-term nursing home care
- Support nursing home transition programs
Common Themes

Oversight
Quality
Reporting
Technology

Oversight
- Improve oversight of service coordination services
- Expand the role of long-term care Ombudsman to HCBS
- Decrease regulatory burdens

Quality
- Improve quality of services
Reporting

- Require nursing facilities to provide quarterly reports on waiting lists and turnover of staff
- Require hospitals to notify the AAA for all admission of older adults

Technology

- Use Health information technology to improve efficiency
- Expand the use of technology and access to electronic health records
• Papers on general themes.
• The papers provide background information on the topical area.
• Completed Comment Themes from Public Input:
  • Scope of Practice
Comment Theme from Public Input

- Scope of Practice