

# Minutes

## LTC Subcommittee

**July 23, 2009**

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### Participants:

Dr. Welch	Margaret Kirkegaard (AHS)	Mary Miller (HFS)	Adair Galster (McK)
Dr. Strnad	Norme Torres	Sharon Pittman (HFS)	Rick Leary (McK)
Cindy Schwechter	Lynn Quintal	Ryan Johnson (HFS)	Caryn Jacobi (McK)
Kara Norkus	Sue Gardiner		

### Discussion items

Item	Notes
Your Healthcare Plus Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We completed year three of the program at the end of June 2009. July 1, 2009 began program year four. An extension has been signed for the program for the next two program years (through June 2011)</li><li>• In program year four a new population became eligible for YHP. This is about 8,000 individuals in two home and community based waivers: Elderly 65+ and Persons with Physical Disabilities.</li></ul>
ECI NP Care Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuing to go well in existing facilities that have a NP placement. We are currently live in about 32 facilities.</li><li>• Cindy reported that among other things, the NPs are focus on education (e.g. smoking cessation and obesity).</li><li>• Group discussed an issue that comes up sometimes related to patient diagnoses. In some instances, we see claims history for a specific diagnosis, but the diagnosis is not found in the LTC member record (looking at chart, face sheet, MDS, etc...)</li><li>• Group agreed that the diagnosis has to come from the MD, but often diagnoses can be lost during transit (between facilities or after inpatient stay).</li><li>• Group reviewed a proposed form that is being considered to address these types of questions. Dr. Welch suggested adding a date of the most recent claim record. Norme and Sue both indicated they are ok with the form and believe it looks similar to other forms being used in the facilities. Norme would like to see the data shared with the administrator so he/she can work on follow-up/monitoring.</li><li>• Dr. Strnad brought up the possible use of an abstract after discharge form. This is usually created/provided by the hospital about 10 days after discharge and lists all the diagnoses. Is this available to LTC sites? Sue wondered if there would be any issue in getting this form. See attached sample.</li></ul>
Itinerate YHP Staff Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group discussed YHP interest in beginning a pilot program for YHP itinerate staff visits. These visits would be focused on the clinical metric profiles.</li><li>• Sue wondered if a webinar could be put together and offered to multiple facilities.</li><li>• Lynn noted that physician involvement is important. They must be on board in order to make successful.</li><li>• Overall group was supportive of the initiative. We will continue to work with the two potential pilot sites identified.</li></ul>
Pharmacy Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Based on feedback, we have revised the Pharmacy review process to include the Consulting Pharmacist in addition to the DON.</li><li>• What if we need/want to validate a resident is still at the facility before doing the review? Group agreed that the admissions coordinator can be contacted and he/she can provide that information. Sue indicated that she did not believe additional credentialing would be required in order to obtain that</li></ul>

	information. It may be helpful to send a letter ahead of time.
Newsletter Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sue puts together a monthly clinically focused newsletter. Terry also does weekly newsletters.</li><li>• Content is always appreciated and can be sent to Sue/Terry. Is also distributed electronically so attachments can be included.</li></ul>
Next committee meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scheduled for October 29, 2009 at 11am CT</li><li>• Please spread the word to others – we are always looking for additional subcommittee participants</li></ul>