

Minutes

LTC Subcommittee

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Participants:

Kara Norkus	Margaret Kirkegaard (AHS)	Mary Miller (HFS)	Adair Galster (McK)
Dr. Harvey		Stephanie Hanco (HFS)	Rick Leary (McK)
Sue Gardiner		Suzanne Lobosco (HFS)	Caryn Jacobi (McK)
Cindy Schwechter		Shirley Whitcup (HFS)	Kathleen Warnick (McK)

Discussion items

Item	Notes
Welcome and Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanks to all for participating in this subcommittee. We really appreciate your time.• This subcommittee is one of five that reports up to the Steering Committee. These committees are designed to address key issues for the Illinois Health Connect and Your Healthcare Plus programs.• This committee was newly formed and is designed to review strategies and gather feedback on program components related to Long Term Care (LTC).• We are looking for additional participants for this committee. Please pass this invite on to others and invite them to join us for discussion.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Adair to follow-up with Sue Gardiner on contact information for Dave and Tess as possible attendees.◆ Is there a way to connect with the Medical Directors' society? Unfortunately this has proved difficult – there is not an IL chapter.
General Program Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• YHP is the statewide Disease Management program. It launched in July 2006 and is now in its third year. We have approximately 11,000 eligible DM beneficiaries located in LTC facilities. A YHP overview document is included along with these minutes for your review.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Sue noted that she recently attending a conference where some good information was provided on pressure ulcers and impact of nurse practitioner services. This information was from CMS and Sue will forward on for review.• Illinois Health Connect is the Primary Care Case Mgmt (PCCM) program here in IL. This program links beneficiaries with a medical home. There are 1.8million eligible beneficiaries in IL (~1.2m are children). Managed Care populations are excluded. Currently there are approximately 5300 medical homes throughout the state. LTC populations are not included in the PCCM program, however, a provider can continue to see his or her patient if they transition into the LTC setting.
ECI/NP Care Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ECI currently has Nurse Practitioners in 25 facilities. We are working to expand to other facilities including sites outside of the Chicago area.• Program has ~1200 residents under management at any given time. We are working with facilities to evaluate resident progress and ensure we have the right 1200 under management at any given point in time.• To date we have documented many wonderful success stories that help illustrate the impact of the program.• Sue indicated that she would be interested in including an update within newsletter publications. YHP is available to assist with content or information that may be of assistance.• Dr. Harvey noted that it is important to focus on primary prevention and screening tests.

Clinical Metric Profiling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is currently in pilot phase. Profiles were sent in late August to 11 sites in the NuCare group. We are currently working with Michelle Stuercke to gather feedback. • We are looking to expand to additional LTC facilities with our next mailing targeted for December 1st.
Pharmacy Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are current assessing the possibilities on conducting pharmacy reviews in the LTC setting (similar to what is currently done in the community setting today). • To date no reviews have been mailed to facilities. • Sue noted that it will be important to direct that messaging to the LTC pharmacy so as to avoid conflicting messaging or confusion.
Next committee meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipated for January 2009