

**Global Waiver Task Force Meeting
August 12, 2009**

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Task Force Members Attending: Tony Antosh, Jill Beckwith (representing Elizabeth Burke Bryant), Sharon Brinkworth, Leo Canuel, Cathy Ciano, Bob Coli MD, Kathleen Connell, Neil Corkery, June Groden, Jane Hayward, Mark Heffner, Bernadette Hicks, Linda Katz, Philip Keefe, Kathleen Kelly, Elizabeth Killian, Deb Kney, Joan Kwiatkowski, Joanne Malise, Donna Martin, Everett Maxwell, Kevin McHale, Roberta Merkle, Jim Nyberg, Judith Sullivan, Susan Sweet, Alan Tavares, Sharon Terzian, Linnea Tuttle, Dawn Wardyga, Vivian Weisman.

Members of the Public Attending: Lee Beliveau, David Bell, Cindy Christopher, Patrice Cooper, Carol Dutra, Heidi Flynn, Diane Gallagher, Jacqueline Grinnell, Melissa Grisi, Janet Iovino, Rebecca Kislak, Gary Leiter, Pat LeVasseur, Dawn Maguire, Annette Manigan, Beth Marootian, Maureen Marsela, Barbara McCrae, Joan Milas, Catherine Mimnaugh, Erin Minor, Michael Pearis, Lauren Pond, Alan R. Post, Diane Tomas, Lisa Vfitri, Cynthia Volante, Barbara Waterman, Charles Williams, Joan Wood.

State Staff Present: Denise Achin, Neil Barker, Diana Beaton, Gerry Bedrick, Dave Burnett, Johanna Butler, Debbie Castellano, Paul Choquette, Tom Conlon, Alison Croke, Jorge Garcia, Deb Garneau, Holly Garvey, Lynda Giarrusso, Sharon Kernan, Amy LaPierre, Paula Lipsey, Tom Marcello, Ann Martino, Ellen Mauro, Jane Morgan, Elena Nicolella, Ralph Racca, Anne Roach, Corinne Calise-Russo, Craig Stenning, Michelle Szylin, Diane Taft, John Young.

Also Attending: Lynn DelVecchio, Stephen Mills (CMS)

Director Russo opened the meeting. She recognized the passing of Representative Slater.

Ann Martino requested that providers respond to the Hilltop survey and stated that the Task Force's Community co-chair should be named by end of September. She stated that the State is seeking comments on LTC rules and is posting Category II rules on the web. Resource mapping is complete. The next GWTF meeting is scheduled for September 23rd, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at a location to be determined.

Elena Nicolella stated the meeting's purpose and a definition and overview of Longterm Care/Rhode Island's Publicly-Funded Long Term Care System. (See powerpoint presentation.)

Craig Stenning recognized the passing of both Eunice Kennedy Schriver and Steve Horowitz. Director Stenning provided an overview of Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities, the Department of MHRH's Populations, Services, Eligibility and Funding, and Community-based Services for Adults with Behavioral Health Issues. (See powerpoint presentations.)

Jorge Garcia reviewed DCYF's mission and services, with programs focused on families as opposed to when the children transition into the adult world and the focus becomes the individual. He reviewed the child welfare population and services.

Sharon Kernan reviewed children's programs within the Department of Human Services, including CEDARRS, Katie Beckett, PASS, Kids Connect, Respite, and EPSDT. She spoke of services aimed at helping children and families transition into adult services. (See handouts)

Elena Nicolella and **Tom Conlon** reviewed Eligibility for Community MA qualifying criteria as well as Financial Eligibility for Longterm MA. (See powerpoint) Tom also described changes in regional field offices, income level criteria, and spousal impoverishment rules.

Paula Lipsey reviewed the Department of Elderly Affairs' services and functional and financial eligibility criteria. She stated that the Global Waiver will change the way that disabled and older Rhode Islanders will receive services, especially via co-pays and CNOM. She described Assisted Living programs and the Senior Companion Program, RIPAE, and Protective Services. (See handouts)

John Young described the history, mission, patient population, and funding of the Eleanor Slater Hospital. (See powerpoint presentation.)

Additional handouts were provided on Personal Choice & Habilitation Waivers, Shared Living, and the RI Consumer System of Care Pilot Project. The next GWTF meeting will focus on Real Choices, Perry Sullivan, Connect Care Choice and Rhody Health Partners programs.

The meeting was adjourned.