

LTCO Advocacy Committee Meeting
6/1/11

Present: Dave Myers, Louise McKinney, Kimberly Corrigan, Eleanor Warner, Ray LeZak, Susan Griffin. Guest: BJ Brown, SACH

ACF Move: Eleanor reported her concerns related to the move of the certification of the Adult Care Facilities (ACF) from Ohio Department of Health to Ohio Department of Mental Health (effective 7/1/11). How will LTCO work with the MH Board related to these changes? Nearly 75% of the residents of the more than 200 ACFs in our 5 counties are mental health consumers, but she is concerned about how MH will work with, or pay attention to, the remaining consumers that are elderly. Some of those consumers have lived in the facilities for many years. We need to continue to build a strong relationship with Judy Jackson Winston, Client Rights Officer for County MH Board. The RSS Program (Residential State Supplement) was also transferred to ODMH from the Area Agencies on Aging (ODA). The same problems related to elderly consumers vs. mental health consumers exist for this program.

Person-Centered Care: The video from the Pioneer Network on Culture Change and Person-Centered Care (PCC) was shown and additional resource information distributed. Louise described the PCC focus group that had been conducted in late April. PCC means that the change in focus is from “provider-directed” and “staff focused” care to “person directed and person-centered care.”

PCC will be part of the quality measure add-ons to the base pay rate for nursing homes starting 7/1/11 for Medicaid payment. Kim said that right now the regulations don't support PCC and that there need to be rule changes. There are CEUs required for NH staff and there could be an amendment/change to the current regulations to require some of those hours to be on PCC. It was felt that the greatest impact was needed in nursing homes, as opposed to RCFs or ACFs.

LTCO will pursue:

- Provide inservice programs for NH administrators and staff on PCC – maybe conduct a program with CEUs using a panel of knowledgeable speakers/experienced Administrators
- Provide resources for NH on PCC – and identify peer group opportunities with other administrators providing PCC – also (maybe) e-newsletter, listserv
- LTCO will survey staff and volunteers to see if they can identify particular facilities that currently provide (some) PCC and those that might be willing to participate in training/inservice/peer group
 - Where are there good relationships with administrators?
 - What other factors/conditions in the NH would support PCC?

Kimberly will explore with the Regulatory Committee of the Person-Centered Care Coalition their interest in an amendment to specify some of the CEU hourly requirement for Administrators and RNs to be for PCC training.

We will also wait to develop a full initiative until we receive the Request for Proposal from the State Ombudsman Office which is expected to be on Person-Centered Care.