

Personal Assistance Oversight Committee Minutes

March 17, 2010

1:00PM – 4:00 PM (MST)

Video Conference * See Sites below

Committee Members Present: Jason McKinley (Video), Kelly Marang, Aaron Thain, Deana Gilchrist, Dana Gover, Stephanie Jensen

DHW Staff Present: Natalie Peterson, LTC Bureau Chief, Melanie Belnap, RMS LTC Manager (Video), Susan Scheuerer, ACC; Susie Choules, ACC, Marcie Young, Administrative Assistant II.

AGENDA ITEM	LEAD	Time	DECISIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION ITEMS
Welcome - Introductions Read and approve minutes from December 12, 2009 PAO Meeting.	Natalie Peterson	1:00 1:15	Dana made the motion and Aaron seconded that with the corrected spelling of Matt Wimmer's name, the minutes from the December 10, 2009 meeting be approved as written.
PAO Committee Composition a. Review Applications b. Votes on Applicants c. Determine Vacancies d. Develop Recruiting Plan	Natalie Peterson	1:15 2:15	The Committee reviewed membership applications that were received prior to the February 26 th , deadline. Names were posted to the Membership List, identifying vacancies. All applications that were received after this meeting (3/17) will be held for review at the June meeting. Recruitment Letters/Applications will be sent to: CIL, SILC, (Disability Rights Idaho) DIR, Idaho Parents Unlimited (IPUL), AARP, ICOA, Area Agency on Aging (AAA). Agencies agreed to recruit from their participants. Dana, as a PAS Project Director, agreed to recruit members from the State Panel of Personal Assistance Work Group (PAWS). Marcie will send current PAOC members the application to use in recruiting. The Letter and Application will be posted on the PAOC sub site of the MCAC website. All completed applications must be received by Natalie Peterson on or before COB, May 31 st . (This information is on the application). Applications/Nominations will be reviewed at the June 16 th PAOC meeting.
Self Direction Subcommittee Update (forms) (Attached)	Susan Scheuerer Dana Gover	2:15 2:30	Susan presented the Self Direction forms which have been reviewed by the FI and PAO Committees. Following the recommended revisions, no further comments have been received; we are now ready to roll them out to Participants and Nurses. Susan identified the two Rules and changes that may be presented on next session. 1) 16.03.10.26.05.a If the participant, family, or legal representative is unable or unwilling to assume such responsibility, then a PAA agency employee must be utilized. 2) 16.03.10.328.09 Delete - Requirements for an FI - Participants of PCS will have one year form date which services begin in their geographic region to obtain the services of an FI and become an employee in fact or use the services of an agency. Medicaid decided to not move forward at this time.
Break		2:30 2:45	
Budget Update	Natalie Peterson	2:45 3:00	Budget Issues Natalie provided a Medicaid Budget Update with reference to some of the options for DHW to make it through SFY 2010. One of those options that have been implemented is that every other Friday – DHW offices are closed. The last scheduled for SFY10 is June 11 th . The Department has submitted H0708 see attached. As a note of clarification: the

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			failure of AIM system (and the backup system) was not in any way connected to budget issues.
Transportation Update	Sara Stith	3:00 3:15	The RFP is currently under review with the Department of Purchasing and Legal. The issue of “Accompanying Attendant” is something that will be negotiated at contract time. Michelle will e-mail the Medical Escort Guidelines that are used by the State of Montana Long Term Care Program. The information was forwarded to the Medicaid Transportation Supervisor, Matt Wimmer on 3/23/10.
Update on Idaho State Independent Living Council Medicaid Infrastructure (MIG) Grant	Donna Maier Project Director Idaho State Independent Living Council	3:15 3:20	In Donnas’ absence, an update was given by Dana. The Regional groups continue to meet monthly. The group is sending out surveys dealing with QA and participant satisfaction to Personal Assistance participants, FI Agencies and staff. The American Disabilities Act is 20 years old. The Workgroup is planning a Statewide Celebration – “Hands Around the Capital”. This event will be held on July 26 th . The public is invited to attend, and for those that cannot attend locally, events are being planned in communities across the State. Dana has put together a Facebook page with information for Personal Assistants and people that require Personal Assistants. There is also information and links to the Idaho Personal Assistance Alliance. There is also a discussion board to open dialogue between the PAWS and the people that they represent. The group is looking at upcoming national legislation and the impact on Idahoans.
Update PAS Review Committee Recommendations to Medicaid and Medicaid response (1/15/2010) (Attachment)	Natalie Peterson	3:20 3:40	Reviewed Medicaid’s response to the Statewide Panel of Personal Assistance Work Group Recommendation dated 1/15/2010. See attached. Natalie and Susan have met with the Division of Medicaid’s Communication team regarding a Long Term Care Website – We would like to have a Draft to present to the Committee at the September meeting. Please send any ideas for format, information, or links that you would like to see incorporated to Susan. It was suggested that we take a look at the State of Washington Personal Assistance website. In the mean time, after April 1 st , the PAOC Minutes from 2009 will be accessible as a subcommittee of the MCAC at : http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/Medicaid/tabid/123/Default.aspx
Reimbursement for Adult In-Home A & D Waiver Homemaker Services	Susan Scheuerer		Effective April 1, 2010, for A & D waiver participants residing in their own home, Idaho Medicaid will be authorizing meal preparation, shopping, laundry, and housework under the homemaker services code S5130 U2. The reimbursement rate for this code is \$3.40 per unit. In-home participants already receiving A & D services, at redetermination or when requests for additional services are approved, homemaker services will be authorized.
Adjourn		4:00	
			Schedule for 2010 PAO March 17th 1-4 June 16th 1-4 Video September 15th Video December 15th Video

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