

In Home Support Rate Setting Committee

Meeting February 14, 2013

Attendees: Peter Mason, Mark Kovitch, Pat Grygorcewicz , Mary Pat DeCarlo

1. Peter began the meeting by giving an update regarding the COLA increase. He explained how funding was being distributed and how the allocations were calculated.
2. Pat brought up the concern she had regarding case managers changing VSA for In Home Supports to \$31.40 per hour. Peter said he would follow up with those in the Department to clarify the rate.
3. Peter distributed a Draft of a HIS authorization and we reviewed the break down. The discussion was again around the definition of a "Cluster Apt" and the use of overnight staff. Peter first calculated the overnight staffing at an hourly rate of \$14.25. The committee discussed the need for awake or asleep overnight and felt that for this position it could be asleep and be at a lessor rate possibly \$12.00. The Committee worked out a definition of a "Cluster Apt.": An independent setting for more than two people living in separate apartments with separate leases and sharing an asleep overnight. The residents of the apartments will have a minimum of a LON score of 3 with overnight monitoring for health and safety reasons. The apartments in the cluster will be with in walking distance of each other and staff will be required to make visual contact with each resident at least once during the shift.
4. As part of the new rate an suggested amount of \$4,000.00 will be added to each authorizations annually. This money will be known as the "Safety Net" Money to be used for On call services, report writing and working with stack holders on the residents behalf.
5. Next meeting Friday February 22, 2013