

Transition and Implementation Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2013

Attendees: Peter Mason, Stan Soby, Pat Dillon and Elisa Velardo

Absent: Varian Salters, Quincy Abbott, Amy Chase and Thomas Dailey

1. Elisa will email Thomas for a summary of the PRC survey results as well as an update on future surveys and initiatives designed to foster efficiencies and consistencies among regions.

2. Overview of residential rate setting subcommittee work to date:
 - Data Management – has been on hold. Peter plans on following up with Jim Richie, to determine what can be done at this time and what needs to wait for additional larger statewide initiatives to occur first?

 - Sustainability – Committee members have got to report in on information that has been requested by the subcommittee. In the absence of additional information, the sustainability subcommittee may choose to use day sustainability recommendations.

 - Community Companion Home – LON is currently reflected in 3 rates, less than 24 hours, 24 hours, and comprehensive. LON data may result in rates shifting.

 - Shared Living – This may be a model for individuals with higher needs. The work group is currently looking at how the model will be defined. Multiple initiatives are being reviewed – The Shared Living models in Vermont and Massachusetts have been looked at. Stan suggested looking at New Hampshire and Maine as well.

 - Supported Living (SLV) and Family Support are being looked at as two separate initiatives: Individual Housing Supports were originally designed to roll out on April 1, and will be moving to July 1. IHS Hours of support per week will be dependent on LON – Web/Residential/Day averages have been analyzed, and were the basis for the hours. There will be a base Safety Net amount – a monthly base rate, and then the hourly rate in addition.

- Cluster Rate – A individual would need a LON of 3 or higher. Cluster support is defined as follows: 24 hour back up is available in a three or more individualized setting providing individuals with access to overnight support within walking distance for health and safety reasons. A typical cluster would have an average of seven people. Typical asleep overnight staff hours will be 11p.m -7 a.m. at \$12/hr. Technology may also be used in cluster settings in order to alert staff to where needs occur.
 - Family support will be addressed separately.
3. The Residential Rate committee has analyzed rates for CRS/CLA programs. Preliminary rates were shared as part of the rescission communication. Though not the final rates, they are unlikely to change very much. In our next subcommittee meeting, we will review the proposed rates and the impact by agency and discuss phases of implementation.
 4. The group discussed that the new rate structure may result in wide scale movement or model changes. Regions must be prepared to facilitate multiple moves statewide simultaneously. Vacating committee was not designed for some of the scenarios they will likely be facing. DSS would support fewer CLA's or larger CLAs. DSS is aware of the proposed rate changes.

Next meeting will be held on April 5th at 2 p.m. in Conference Room A at DDS in Wallingford.