

**DRAFT**  
Stakeholder Workgroup Meeting  
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May 24, 2017

Attendees:

Shelly Pfaff – SD Coalition  
Gerald Beninga – Active Generations  
Jessica Pickett – Director, James Valley Community Services  
Chad Rattigan – Western Resources for Independent Living  
Erik Nelson – AARP Sioux Falls  
Senator Deb Soholt - District 14  
Craig Eschenbaum – Chairman, Statewide Independent Living Council  
Matt Cain – Independent Living Choices  
Steven Novotny – Home Care Services of SD  
Jen Porter –SD Association of Healthcare Organizations  
Laura Wilson – Administrator, Tieszen Memorial Home  
Mark Deak – SD Healthcare Association  
Kimberly Clown – Administrator, Medicine Wheel Village  
Mark Burkett – Administrator, Platte Health Center  
Representative Jean Hunhoff – Yankton Area  
Sharon Lewis – Consultant, Health Management Associates  
Gloria Pearson – Secretary, Department of Human Services  
Yvette Thomas – Director, Division of Long Term Services and Supports  
Beth Dokken – Deputy Director, Division of Long Term Services and Supports  
Matthew Ballard – DSS, Medicaid State Plan, Policy Analysis  
Leslie Lowe – Training Coordinator, Division of Long Term Services and Supports  
Misty Black Bear – HCBS Waiver Manager, Division of Long Term Services and Supports  
Tim Neyhart – Disability Rights South Dakota

Secretary Pearson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She thanked all members of the workgroup for their participation and conveyed the Governor's support and interest in the work of this group. After introductions, meeting ground rules and expectations were established, as well as the purpose and the work to be accomplished today. Secretary Pearson informed the workgroup that

the Governor is looking forward to hearing the outcome of our discussion and the goals that the workgroup recommends. His plan is to issue an executive order on this topic in support of the goals.

Secretary Pearson provided an overview of the purpose of the reorganization effort, moving Adult Services and Aging from the Department of Social Services to the Department of Human Services as the Division of Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) and the rationale behind the move. The purpose of the LTSS reorganization was to create a more integrated Person Centered approach to long term services and supports delivery in South Dakota. Previously, people with physical or other disabilities who needed state assistance with long term services received them from the Department of Human Services. People with aging related disabilities received assistance from the Department of Social Services. Combining these services in one Department will help ensure that people can best access long term services in their homes and communities regardless of why they need the services or what type of disability they have. The change will help us align services available for individuals, and continue to develop person centered community based services for people in our state.

A power point was presented to the workgroup that explained how DHS is part of the Learning Community for Person Centered Practices which develops and disseminates training materials on best practices and provides training for implementation by individuals and agencies. The Learning Community's efforts focus on people who have a disability getting the services and supports that they want. There was a review of South Dakota's Person Centered journey and an explanation on the concept of "important to" and "important for". As a service delivery system we have been very successful at helping individuals with what's important for them (safety, health, etc.), but not always great at helping individuals get what is important to them which are those things that make them happy and content.

The demand for LTSS services will grow as the population ages and South Dakota wants to be able to support older adults and people with physical disabilities in their homes.

Yvette Thomas, LTSS Division Director, provided a review of past trends and service utilization. She also gave an overview of recent efforts by the state to

provide additional services through waiver amendments. The department has been working to identify and assist individuals desiring to transition out of nursing facility care as well as providing alternatives to facility based care for those individuals with increasing care needs. One of those alternatives being implemented is the establishment of community living homes, where individuals could be supported in smaller, home-like environments. The Department of Health is in the process of drafting rules for this model. There was discussion about how these homes might fit into the continuum of care. There was discussion on how current providers can think about playing a role in expanding community based services.

Sharon Lewis, Consultant with Health Management Associates, provided a review of Long Term Services and Supports trends and policy on the national level. This included the percentage of the overall budget that is comprised of Medicaid spending in South Dakota compared to the nation and the impact of other factors affecting long term services and supports. Some of these other factors include Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requirements under the Home and Community Based Settings Rule, Civil Rights and Olmstead Act enforcement, the impact of and burden on unpaid caregivers, the aging population in general and workforce issues.

Members were divided into small workgroups to discuss potential goals and how to measure success. All suggestions were reviewed by the full membership and grouped by similarity, resulting in four (4) categories and one “parking lot” item regarding housing, which is addressed by other organizations working on this issue. The Department will organize the information collected and propose goals to be presented at the next meeting. The group will also work on strategies to meet those goals.

Members were assigned homework for the next meeting that is scheduled for August 16, 2017.

- Based on the categories selected, what would success look like and how could it be measured?
- Do you have ideas about specific, innovative approaches and strategies to address the categories?

The meeting concluded with a closing round and a thank you for the active participation at 2:15.

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