

Quadrant 4: Maximizes In/dependence and Supports Caregivers
Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2007

The meeting was held 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., at Radio Reading Service, in Boulder, and was facilitated by Brandon Fields, with assistance from Sarah Rebman, Kathy Phinney, and Emily Cooper.

Indicators Project/Logic Model

After the last meeting, Brandon, Sarah, Kathy, and Kim Ann Wardlow met with Adrienne Mihelic to work on indicators for caregiving and transportation, and Adrienne then prepared a caregiving logic model. These materials were passed out to quadrant members and discussed. Members are asked to review the materials on their own and make any suggestions for changes or additions by email or phone to the co-facilitators/chairs listed above. Adrienne hopes to distribute indicators to the full CLC at its next meeting on August 8.

Some notes from discussion of Caregiving Indicators:

#1: Supply of formal caregivers – Are there home care agencies that accept Medicaid? Possible survey question: How many times have you (agency) been unable to fulfill a care request because of inadequate staffing?

#2: Supporting caregivers – Who are the caregivers? Discussion of focus of this quadrant: unpaid “family” caregivers, professional paid caregivers, or both? (Perhaps even include older persons who are ill and caring for themselves and/or caregivers of younger persons?) Is there a better term than “caregiver”?

Funding

The members discussed possible funding ideas for BCASD Technical Assistance funds (\$500 - \$5000). Suggestions: fund caregiver time for older adults needing companionship when returning home after a medical procedure (RSVP thinks it's too soon to develop this); subsidy for persons unable to pay for volunteer RSVP rides; caregiver self-identification ad campaign; articles about caregiving read by Radio Reading Service; spots about caregiving on Channel 8 and cable (ref: Judy Nodd's letter asking for sponsorship). The application for Tech Assistance funds is due August 16. Aging Services Foundation may be able to act as the sponsorship agency. Emily Cooper and Diane Knudsen will attend a workshop regarding application for Tech Assistance funds next week.

In addition to the Tech Assistance Funds, each quadrant has up to \$3500 available for its projects and expenses. There is no formal application procedure for these funds.

Data collection issues

Sandy Hollingsworth and Kathy Phinney will represent the quadrant at a meeting about data collection issues (ethics, logistics, etc.) on July 31, 9:30 – 11:00, at BCASD.

The quadrant sub-committees then met separately to further discuss ideas for using Technical Assistance Funds and reported the following to the whole group:

Caregiving Sub-committee

Funding ideas: Ad campaign; caregiver website – possibly including list serve (for notices of events, resources, etc.), chat room or bulletin board, links to other agencies (if allowed – Emily will check with BC attorneys); “Dear Caregiver Expert” column in papers

Transportation Sub-committee

Funding ideas: Special Transit funding for Circle of Care, Resource Guide for Transportation

The quadrant chose to apply for the caregiver website, hopefully sponsored by Aging Services Foundation (non-profit), hosted by BCASD, and managed by Emily Cooper, with assistance from City Senior Services’ and other agencies’ staff. Emily and Diane Knudsen will write the application for the funds.

Next Meeting

The full CLC meets on August 8. The next Quadrant meeting will be on Wednesday, September 12, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., again at Radio Reading Service.

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