

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE December 17, 2008

IDAHO COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

Council Office and via telephone

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Committee Members: James Steed (Chair),
Jim Baugh, Shiloh Blackburn, Julie Fodor, Leslie Clement,
Bob Jackson, Corinne Johnson, Joni Sullivan

Council Members: Gioia Fram, Mike Smith

Staff: Tracy Warren, Marilyn Sword

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES Public Policy Committee Meeting December 17, 2008 Time: 10:45am to 12:10pm	
Call to Order – Opening Statements	James Steed (via telephone) called the meeting to order at 3:00pm
Roll Call	Members Present: James Steed, Jim Baugh, Bob Jackson, Julie Fodor, Gioia Fram, Mike Smith, Corinne Johnson Staff: Tracy Warren, Marilyn Sword
Perfection of Agenda/ Announcements	Marilyn Sword mentioned discussing a bill by Scott Burpee later in the agenda.
<u>Idaho Economic Outlook and Budget Reductions</u> Medicaid holdbacks, budget reductions	Marilyn Sword discussed current state economic outlook, holdbacks and budgetary changes for state agencies. The Governor may be calling for an additional 6% reduction for fiscal year 2010 (July 2009-June 2010). Marilyn provided an overview of the Medicaid budget reductions and the options they have considered and the ones they are implementing to meet holdback requirements. From a meeting between the Department of Health and Welfare and the Idaho Association of Developmental Disability Agencies, it was reported that any 'optional' service can be

<p>Medicaid services: optional versus mandatory</p>	<p>considered for cuts all the way into 2011. Optional services are services not required by federal statute, but it does not have anything to do with their importance to people.</p> <p>In Idaho, <u>optional services</u> include: waiver services, ICF/MR services (Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded), prescription drugs, and rehabilitation services. <u>Mandatory services</u> include: hospital, physician, nursing home, laboratory, and emergency services. Protected from reductions are medically necessary services for “poor and needy” people.</p>
<p>Federal FMAP Increase</p>	<p>It is possible that the administration and congress will decide to increase the FMAP (federal matching funds for Medicaid dollars). There may be a 3-4% increase for Idaho, from a 70% match to a 73 – 74% match. This would be included in a federal stimulus bill. The Feds may require states to not cut their Medicaid services to get the increase. The FMAP increase would not come close to making up the difference in state costs for services.</p> <p>To meet budget reductions, Medicaid is re-negotiating the Independent Assessment Provider (IAP) contract and there are efforts to reduce the number of residents at Idaho State School and Hospital (ISSH) from 70 to 50 residents.</p> <p>Marilyn and other stakeholders will be meeting at Medicaid on Friday to discuss restructuring children’s services.</p>
<p>Community Services Provider Rates</p>	<p>The Governor has included the \$11.6 million increase for community services provider rates.</p> <p>James Steed asked if the Consortium of Idahoans with Disabilities (CID) is still</p>

<p><u>2009 Legislative Slate</u></p>	<p>supporting the provider rate increase and what they are doing about it. Jim Baugh reported that the different organizations of CID are making decisions and taking action within their own organization.</p>
	<p>The main CID organizations are focusing on saving the service system and not working on anything that would take away from that effort.</p> <p>Gioia Fram said that the original plan to cut equally across the board has changed. Smaller agencies already struggle to continue serving constituents. Do we want to work on educating policymakers for support? Policymakers seem to be considering alternatives that have been suggested by others.</p>
<p>Accessible Parking</p>	<p>The State Independent Living Council has pulled the accessible parking legislation for this year, so that priority issue may be removed from our slate.</p>
<p>Medical Care Decisions</p>	<p>Medical care decisions legislation is still being discussed with group and it seems not a good year to spend energy fighting with the hospital association. Jim Baugh reported that the law already includes requirements were fighting and he suggested that filing complaints may be a better strategy for this issue.</p>
<p>Review of current fact sheets about Medicaid cuts</p>	<p>The group reviewed the talking points materials related to the impact of Medicaid holdbacks for consideration of what DD Council action should be this session. There was discussion about key items that could effect change and save expenditures that may not affect Medicaid recipients in a negative way.</p> <p>The group talked about the use of the SIB-R assessment every year (Scales of Independent Behavior - Revised). Comment</p>

<p>ISSH Name Change Bill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raise sales tax/increase revenue• Add preserving community Medicaid services as key issue with an action plan• Keep support for community provider rates as a priority 2 <p>Julie Fodor said that two things are happening with developmental disability agencies and that we need to look at therapeutic gains. She said the state needs to set criteria – ‘here is what we need to see’ – and hold agencies and services accountable. We need to be looking at what the state should be requiring from services and perhaps a new continuum of services. Julie said she didn’t know that we could push for increased provider rates while services are being cut.</p> <p>Our Governor’s value is to have the state live within its means and not utilize federal help. It goes against his philosophy. However, the needs don’t go away when the services go away, they just move somewhere else. It would be irresponsible for us not to take the increase in FMAP</p> <p>Any decrease in services will happen in rule and appropriations. Some might happen in statute, for example if there is a proposed change to the Katie Beckett option. Do we need to put our time and effort into working with Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee members (JFAC)?</p> <p>Tracy Warren talked about Ike Gayfield’s comments at the October meeting related to the ISSH name change bill and suggested we continue to watch the bill because it may include admit/discharge criteria.</p> <p>Jim Baugh said that the Dept. of Health and Welfare momentum seems to be to close</p>
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<p>Vocational Rehabilitation rules</p> <p>Action ⇒</p> <p>Action ⇒</p>	<p>With the suggested changes to the slate it would read as:</p> <p>Priority 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve Medicaid Community-based Services - support • Preserve DD Council State Funding – oppose cuts <p>Priority 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Provider Rate Increase - support • Vocational Rehabilitation Rules - educate <p>Priority 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISSH name change bill – monitor <p>There was some discussion about our position on the Vocational Rehabilitation rules set at ‘shed some light.’ Bob Jackson said that in the past our actions and positions would make this issue one that we would oppose.</p> <p>Corinne Johnson moved that we change our position on the Vocational Rehabilitation rules to oppose. Bob Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed.</p> <p>Bob Jackson moved to change the 2009 Legislative Slate as read. Corinne Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed.</p>
<p><u>New Issues</u></p>	<p>Marilyn Sword talked about a bill that Scott Burpee is bringing to the legislature having to do with people in assisted living services being able to access the DD waiver. The committee did not have time to discuss the draft.</p>
<p>Adjourned</p>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.</p>