

**GLOBAL WAIVER TASK FORCE MEETING**  
**April 23, 2012**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Task Force Members attending:** Maureen Maigret, Craig Syata, Sharon Terzian, Dawn Wardyga, Sharon Brinkworth, Virginia Burke, Elizabeth Burke Bryant, Cathy Ciano, Jacqueline Downy, Linda Katz, Rebecca Kislak (representing Jane Hayward)

**Staff and Members of the Public Attending:** Fil Eden, Michelle Szylin, Jennifer Reid, Ellen Mauro, Jennifer Bergeron, Steven J. Patriarca, Thomas Marcello, Paul Larrat, Seena Franklin, Dean Gardner, Alison Croke, Deidre Gifford, Holly Garvey, Kristin Soosa, Jodi Stefanick, Diana Beaton, Claire Rosenbaum, Deb Florio, Mary Slinko, Michael Cancilliere, Michael Varadian, Patrice Logan, Michele Heim, Roberta Merkele, Christina Amedeo, Lori Quaranti, Cathy Cranston, Deb Garneau, Beth Marootan, Susan Vandal, Janet Iovino, John Dooley, Anthony Salvo, Ann Martino, Senator Tom Izzo

**Senator Izzo, Community Chair**, opened the meeting by noting a small change in the agenda. Initially there was going to be a conversation on nursing home price models however, the industry was unable to attend.

**Ann Martino, EOHHS Policy Director**, addressed the task force by first noting that nursing home transition data has been posted on the EOHHS and the Ontrak system. The data will be released monthly. In regards to clinical reviews for children with special health care needs Ms. Martino noted that Deb Florio would address that issue later in the meeting.

**Ellen Mauro**, spoke to the task force on the status of reviews used for long-term care services. The data is gathered by comparing the cost of treating people in their homes versus treating them in a nursing home. The clinical review tool used by nurses in the field enables them to determine whether or not an individual's care plan matches their need. Another option for reviews is a nationally vetted tool for personal choice. The tool can be used to measure activity of daily living time. The tool is based on scientific evidence and will lead to better oversight and broader services in a cost effective manner.

Q: (Senator Izzo) How is the measurement practically applied?

A: (Ellen Mauro) The measurement allows us to be more objective, it is a needs assessment tool that allows us to see how many people fell into different ranges. The instrument will ensure that individuals get what they need in an even playing field. This effort will also rebalance the LTC system.

**Deb Florio**, delivered a PowerPoint presentation to the Global Waiver Task Force on the findings of a report conducted to study the care and financing for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. See attached presentation.

Q: (Maureen Maigret) How many meet criteria for level of care?

A: (Deb Florio) We have not decided the best enrollment strategy yet so that number is unavailable at this time.

Q: (Senator Izzo) Is there assurance that CMS will accommodate this piece?

A: (Deb Florio) They are pushing this initiative. Both CMS and the state will see savings. First we need to get the Medicare data which has yet to be sorted.

Ms. Martino noted that the Integration of Care and Financing for Medicare and Medicaid Beneficiaries study will be posted on the EOHHS website and the Ontrak system.

Deb Florio discussed clinical review standards for FY 2013 for children with special health care needs. She noted that some kids are in managed care while others are not. The goal of this review is to determine how best to help families in the management of their children's care. This is more of a process than a tool to assist families in navigating the system.

The next meeting of the Global Waiver Task Force is scheduled for May 21, 2012 at 1 p.m. at the Arnold Conference Center, Eleanor Slater Hospital, Cranston, R.I.