

Regional Long Term Care Advisory Committees

The 2007-2009 biennial budget added statutory language creating regional long term care advisory committees. The charge to these committees is to evaluate the performance of the long term care system in their area and make recommendations for changes as appropriate. These committees will use the information gathered by Aging and Disability Resource Center governing boards and other sources to propose operational and systematic improvements in the long term care system.

Statutory authority is provided under s. 46.2825:

46.2825 Regional long-term care advisory committees. (1) Creation. The governing board of each resource center operating in a region established by the department under s. 46.281 (1n) (d) 1. shall appoint the number of its members that is specified by the department under s. 46.281 (1n) (d) 2. to a regional long-term care advisory committee. At least 50 percent of the persons a resource center board appoints to a regional long-term care advisory committee shall be older persons or persons with a physical or developmental disability or their family members, guardians, or other advocates.

Membership

- The membership of the advisory committees shall be comprised of members of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) governing boards that provide service to individuals within the advisory committee's region. The Department will allot committee membership equally among the participating ADRC governing boards.
- At least 50 percent of the membership must be comprised of individuals who are elderly, developmentally disabled, or physically disabled, or their representatives. Additional consumer representation may be added.
- Total membership of the committee may not exceed 25 people.

Required Duties

The Department will provide information and staff assistance to aid the regional oversight committees in performing their duties. Oversight committees are responsible to do the following:

- Evaluate the performance of any Managed Care Organizations (MCO), Program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and Wisconsin Partnership Programs (Family Care Partnership) in the region.
- Evaluate the performance of any ADRCs in the region.
- Monitor the appeals and grievances made to MCOs, PACE, and Family Care Partnership in the region.
- Review the utilization of long term care services in the region.
- Monitor enrollments and disenrollments from MCOs, PACE and Family Care Partnership.
- Identify any gaps in the availability of services, living arrangements, and community services available in the region.
- Develop strategies to build capacity to address those gaps.
- Perform long range planning on long term care policy for individuals belonging to the target groups served by the ADRC.

- Report annually to the Department regarding significant achievements and problems related to the provision of long term care services in the region.
- Require ADRCs to target outreach, education, and prevention services based upon the findings of the committee.

Implementation

During 2008, the Department will develop a timetable and structure for the regional council formation and meetings.

Additional Information

The language in the 2007-2009 budget regarding regional advisory committees can be found at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2007/data/acts/07Act20.pdf> beginning on page 323.

Please send an email request to RCteam@dhfs.state.wi.us for further information.