

**Los Angeles County  
Combined Long-Term Care Coordinating Council & Work Groups Meeting Minutes**

May 24, 2006

The meeting was conducted at the CSS Headquarters at 3175 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 104, Los Angeles, CA, 90020 between 9:35 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**ATTENDEES:**

Susan Alexman, Donna Benton, Ellen Blackman, Omeria Jefferson, Chip Hazen, John Kotick, Cathy Ladd, Larry Newnam, June Simmons, and Kate Wilber

**STAFF:**

Patricia Senette-Holt, Jay Glassman, Jenai Davis, Janine Taylor, Rhonda Rangel, and Lilia Andres.

The planned outcomes for the meeting were:

1. Review and approve minutes from April meeting.
2. CSS Director's Report by Cynthia Banks/ Melinda Fonseca
3. Presentation on Olmstead Commission Progress by Brenda Premo, Director of Western University's Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions (CDIHP)
4. Work Group 2 – Recommendation on Objective 2.1.2
5. Work Group 7 – Recommendation on Report to IOG
6. IT Subcommittee Presentation
  - Presentation on Countywide Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CCJCC) Web portal
7. Work Groups' Final Recommendations to the LTCCC.
8. Develop a next steps plan for action.

Ms. Wilber opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

The minutes for April were approved.

Ms. Banks reported that as a part of what the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging (LACCOA) has been doing, CSS is going to have a Needs Assessment for the seniors with in Los Angeles County. They will be working in conjunction with the L.A. City Area Agency on Aging.

The surveys are to be completed by seniors and not the caregivers.

Ms. Banks also mentioned that another committee was started between members of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council and LACCOA to work on outreach in Los Angeles County.

If there were questions, they were to be directed to Ms. Senette-Holt, her e-mail address is [psenette@co.la.ca.us](mailto:psenette@co.la.ca.us).

Ms. Banks has another meeting to attend to and left early.

Ms. Wilber introduced the guest speaker, Ms. Brenda Premo, Chair of the Olmstead Committee.

Ms. Premo discussed the background of Olmstead. She mentioned that Olmstead was a decision as a result of a lawsuit in Florida. Two women who had psychiatric and developmental disabilities who wanted to get out of an institution. The lawsuit was initiated in Federal Court, therefore it was a Federal case. It went to the Supreme Court and the ruling is what we call the "Olmstead Decision".

People should be able to have the decision of where they want to live and to be in a community where they want to live. They should have a choice. Olmstead resulted in a decision – where people will develop a plan and put in to place. A mechanism to show us that you are in fact putting in provisions that demonstrate that you have a way to move people and to provide the necessary services that they need in the community. There are two parts to that:

1. We are taking people from institutions and through the community
2. The services are in place to keep people from having to go in to those institutions in the first place.

In California there is an Olmstead Committee, it was organized and wrote a plan that was approved just before Mr. Davis' administration ended. When Mr. Schwazeneger's administration took over, a new committee was constituted and is under the supervision of the Secretary of Health. The committee is constituted and reports to the Secretary and Ms. Premo is the Chair of the committee.

Ms. Premo added that there are a lot that can be discussed under Olmstead because living in the community, being independent and keeping people from moving in to institutions for any number of reasons depending on the nature of the disability and the nature of the things that happen to put them there. Things based from seniors, young people with disabilities, people with progressive diseases from birth, people who had head injuries, psychiatric and developmental disabilities.

Looking at services in different categories are important to assure not only that we are consciously looking at what we need to do and to get people out and preventing them to go in, or the transitioning of people from acute care to short term rehab and back in to the community.

The Olmstead Committee have three major long-term projects that they are working on:

1. Diversion and keeping people out of nursing homes. Looking at what the support services are and the need to be in the community for that to happen. Several projects are going on in Los Angeles, the Westside Independent Center for Living, getting people out of nursing homes and keeping them out. Many of the things that are being discovered to prevent this is housing. People cannot afford a place to live in because of the high cost of housing. Affordability and Accessibility, if houses needs to be modified.

2. Assessment Committee – an e-application was developed through the Department of Health Services and California Health Care Foundation. To set up a system where people, healthy families and children will go online and get children signed up for health care. The second part of assessment is to look at what it is and to be able to allow them of what the person would need.
3. Data collection group- how to know who could leave a nursing home. How to get the data and know how to use it.

Ms. Wilber thanked Ms. Premo for a very informative report on the Olmstead community.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

##### Work Group Two

For Objective 2.1.2 –

The Work Group is requesting a space in the Community Connection web site.

#### **Motion**

**It was moved and seconded that a copy of the Final Report should be mailed out to different cities, addressed to the Mayors.**

**Motion Passed**

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

##### Work Group One / Four

A revised list of agencies or materials was distributed to all members. For Objective 1.4.1 – by the end of Year 1, establish a Long-Term Care Inter-Cultural Advisory Committee of the LTCCC to help advise and monitor the delivery of linguistically-specific and culturally-specific long-term care services, including a plan to develop appropriate language translation of major informational and educational materials.

##### Work Group Seven

Ms. Blackman reported that Work Group Seven is working on a report that should be presented to IOG but should be approved by the LTCCC on May 24, 2006 before presenting to IOG. The Council is requested to approve in concept what the Work Group would like to be done in terms of the study on coordination - a way of implementation. The Work Group and CSS will hire a consultant to prepare recommendations for a “mobility management system” in Los Angeles County.

#### **Motion**

**It was moved and seconded to carry out the work of Work Group Seven after the Sunset date of LTCCC.**

**Motion Passed**

Ms. Rangel would be responsible for doing the paper work for hiring the Consultant. Mr. Glassman and Ms. Rangel will help carry out the work of the Work Group.

#### IT Subcommittee Update

Mr. Glassman reported on the IT Subcommittee Update, the Chief Information Office (CIO) is taking the lead for bringing the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Community and Senior Services together. He met with the Healthy Cities, they recently have taken a major transformation on their site and they are currently using 211 Info line for their database. The CIO will have a third meeting to discuss selecting the database for the County.

Mr. Bollinger distributed a copy of web pages of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CCJCC). This will give an idea on how to approach the changes for the Community Connection web site.

#### WORK GROUP REPORTS

##### Work Group Two

Mr. Kotick mentioned that for Objective 2.1.2, the Panel discussion is still being scheduled. A recommendation from the Work Group will be ready for the next meeting.

Mr. Kotick also mentioned that if the Community Connection web site will have a space for the geriatricians to share information.

##### Work Group Three

There was no report for Work Group Three - all objectives have been completed.

##### Work Group Five

Ms. Benton reported that Objective 5.3.2 has been completed. She will still schedule to conduct training for the County's Information and Assistance Call Center to further address the Family Caregiver program. The training will be scheduled at a later date.

##### Work Group Six –

Mr. Newnam reported there is a need to catch up on work products to be placed on the Community Connection web site.

He recommends that CSS continue the "Special Needs Housing Alliance" to make sure seniors and disabled persons are represented at the table for spending the money.

#### **Motion**

**It was moved and seconded that CSS staff will continue to participate in the Special Needs Housing Alliance that matters for frail and elderly as a special needs population.**

**Motion Passed**

Mr. Newnam announced that Socialserve.com has been approved by the Board of Supervisors. He will continue to advocate that Community Connection be linked to Socialserve.com and vice versa.

Announcements

Ms. Senette-Holt announced that Ms. Brenda Premo has accepted our invitation to be our guest speaker for the May meeting.

Ms. Wilber suggested that Mr. Bollinger make a visual presentation on the CCJCC Web portal.

Ms. Wilber closed the meeting at 11:30 a.m.