

WHCC Medicaid Committee Meeting
July 10, 2006
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Present: Lorraine Saulino-Klein, WHCC; Barbara Cohee, WHCC; Greg Gruman, WDH Medicaid Director and Medicaid Subcommittee member; Bernadette Quevedo-Mendoza, Wyoming Representative at CMC Regional Office; Susan Anderson, WHCC
Notes from Susan Anderson

The discussion centered on the two areas that are being studied by the Milliman group for specific Medicaid reform: developmentally disabled (DD) populations and long term care.

DISCUSSION OF DD TREATMENT IN WYOMING

1) Greg Gruman described the waiver program at the moment as being effective, with no waiting list of Medicaid DD populations. But he suggested a look at the high-complex medical needs of patients.

-They have case management, but people receiving the services have high turnover. There could be more follow-through on what gets paid, and what transparency exists in that.

-APS is working on that issue with case managers

-There are no criteria or transparent way of evaluating case managers...no evaluation of whether they should get rate increases

2) These issues deserve study as part of Medicaid reform

-A study of where total health management should be expanded was suggested

-What are options for people whose caregivers are aging?

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATED TO AGING

Facts from Greg Gruman: The aging group is growing 27 percent. In the over-70 age group 80% are disabled. This tells you the enrollment will be going up. Private insurance is going away.

There was a discussion of "aging in place" including the Eden model and the Green House Project. Lorraine Saulino-Klein suggested there should be a support system, a design for keeping functioning people at home including socialization and standard assessment.

The group suggested asking Milliman for a county pilot for aging in place.

PLANNING FOR OLD AGE

The committee raised these questions for study:

Where does planning come from?

What models determine levels of care?

Follow up on how the Certificate of Need process works in other states for long term care