

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INTERDISCIPLINARY,  
COMMUNITY-BASED LINKAGES (ACICBL)**

**Meeting Minutes: September 10-11, 2014**

**Advisory Committee Members Present:**

Carmen Morano, PhD, Chair  
Edna Apostol, MPH  
Freddie L. Avant, PhD, LMSW-AP, ACSW, C-SSWS  
Gert Bronfort, DC, PhD  
Patrick DeLeon, PhD, JD, MPH  
Mary Ann Forciea, MD  
Jacqueline Gray, PhD  
Patricia A. Hageman, PT, PhD  
Neil L. Horsley, MS, DPM, FACFAS, FACFAOM  
Sharon A. Levine, MD  
M. Jane Mohler, NP-C, MSN, MPH, PhD  
Elyse A. Perweiler, MPP, RN  
Sandra Y. Pope, MSW  
Linda J. Redford, RN, PhD  
Peggy Valentine, EdD, FASAHP

**Others Present:**

Joan Weiss, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAAN, Designated Federal Official  
Candice P. Chen, MD, MPH, Director, Division of Medicine and Dentistry  
Jennifer Fiedelholz, Acting Director, Office of Workforce Development and Analysis  
Anand K. Parekh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, Science, and Medicine  
Tara A. Cortes, PhD, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, The Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing and Professor at New York University College of Nursing  
Kimberly Lochner, ScD, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Michael J. Barry, MD, President, Informed Medical Decisions Foundation  
Mark Sciegaj, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor of Health Policy and Administration

**Wednesday, September 10, 2014**

The Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages (ACICBL) convened its meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) headquarters in the Parklawn Building, Room 18-67, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

Dr. Joan Weiss, Designated Federal Official, greeted members of the Committee and took roll. The Committee members then introduced themselves. Dr. Weiss discussed the topic of the ACICBL 14<sup>th</sup> report, *Rethinking Complex Care: Preparing the Health Care Workforce to Foster Person-Centered Care*. She provided the Committee members with statistics on the status of multiple chronic conditions in the United States. Dr. Weiss also reviewed the agenda.

Dr. Candice Chen introduced herself to the Committee members as the new director of the Division of Medicine and Dentistry. She spoke about her work and connection to HRSA, and emphasized the need and significance of patient-focused interdisciplinary programs. She answered the Committee's questions, which led to general discussion that touched upon a faculty development project and the development of performance measures for interdisciplinary programs.

Dr. Carmen Morano, Committee Chair, introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Anand K. Parekh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, Science, and Medicine at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Dr. Parekh spoke to the Committee about the HHS Multiple Chronic Conditions Initiative. He reviewed Medicare and population level-data on Americans with multiple chronic conditions. He also discussed the challenges patients with multiple chronic conditions face and how one health plan, created by a team of healthcare professionals and the patient, can benefit the patient and their outcomes. Dr. Parekh then outlined the initiative's four overarching goals and its strategic framework, which aim to:

- Foster health care and public health system changes to improve the health of individuals with multiple chronic conditions;
- Maximize the use of proven self-care management and other services by individuals with multiple chronic conditions;
- Provide better tools and information to health care, public health, and social services workers who deliver care to individuals with multiple chronic conditions; and
- Facilitate research to fill knowledge gaps about, and interventions and systems to benefit, individuals with multiple chronic conditions.

Dr. Tara A. Cortes, Executive Director of the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing, and Professor at New York University College of Nursing, spoke to the Committee about the Hartford Institute's Primary Care of Older Adults educational offering. The goals of the one-line program are to:

- Enhance the capacity of the workforce to provide the care necessary to maintain older adults at their highest level of function;
- Prepare advanced practice Nurses (NP) and other health care providers who are not prepared in geriatrics to manage the care of older adults in primary care settings;
- Develop and nationally disseminate an online program for advancing the primary care of older adults;
- Provide faculty development opportunities; and
- Support the training of NP students to deliver primary care to older, frail adults.

Ms. Kimberly Lochner, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), spoke to the Committee about CMS data for chronic conditions and multiple chronic conditions among Medicare Beneficiaries. Ms. Lochner outlined the research data and the public use files available on the CMS website. She also addressed the Committee's questions.

Dr. Weiss initiated the committee's discussion of the 14th Report by reminding the Committee they are responsible for providing advice and recommendations to the Secretary and Congress on programs under Title VII, Part D, Interdisciplinary Community-Based Linkages. The Committee asked questions, discussed the report process, the report topic multiple chronic conditions, and

the Title VII Part D programs. After much discussion the Committee decided to make Title VII, Part D programs the focus of the report instead of multiple chronic conditions.

Dr. Morano opened the floor to public comment. No questions or comments were voiced by members of the public.

Dr. Weiss gave a presentation on interdisciplinary programs under Title VII, Part D, including the Area Health Education Center program, the Geriatric Education Centers program, and the Rural Interdisciplinary Training program. The presentation led to questions and discussion, which also addressed the timeline for further discussion and how the Committee report would be written and submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

#### **Thursday, September 11, 2014**

The meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m., and began with roll call and the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. Dr. Weiss gave an overview of the discussions that were held the first day of the Committee's meeting and the plan for the second day.

Dr. Michael J. Barry, President of Informed Medical Decisions Foundation, spoke to the Committee about shared decision making. He addressed the topic of informed consent and the significance of understanding what patients want. He also discussed the importance of providing patients with patient decision aids. Patient decision aids are tools designed to help people participate in decision-making. They provide information on options and help patients clarify and communicate the values they associate with different features of the options. Following the presentation, he addressed the Committee's questions.

Dr. Morano reopened the discussion on the 14th Report. The committee readdressed the purpose of the committee and discussed the focus of past reports. Discussion continued on the subject of how recommendations would address the Title VII, Part D programs and their statutory language, as well as how multiple chronic conditions could be incorporated into the report. Dr. Morano outlined the possible structure of the report: bulleted recommendations, followed by supporting literature and a rationale. A motion was submitted that the focus of the report would be on the creation of a strategic framework that would apply to all Title VII, Part D programs that would include recommendations on how to train the health care workforce to better manage multiple chronic conditions through the programs. The motion was seconded and then approved by vote with only two opposing votes and no one abstaining. After the vote, discussion touched upon the language and important concepts that underlie the programs. Dr. Weiss outlined the process of how the report was to be written.

Dr. Mark Sciegaj, Associate Professor of Health Policy and Administration at Pennsylvania State University, spoke to the Committee about person-centered and participant-directed workforce competencies. His presentation addressed why person-centered and participant-directed practices are needed and gave a brief overview of three projects: Long-term Services and Supports Competency Model, Aging Network Workforce Competency Project, and the Partnership Project. Person-centered practice has a positive influence on quality of life and

improves effectiveness of service and support. Participant-directed long-term services and supports are an opportunity for users to exercise greater choice and control over their services. The Aging Network Workforce Competencies Partnership goals are to: evaluate the extent to which individuals who hold social work-oriented positions utilize competencies; identify the educational background and professional training of individuals in social work-oriented positions; and document the training needs of administrators and individuals in direct service positions related to a competency-based approach in the four domains. The Partnership Project has two goals: prepare future social workers with competencies to implement and evaluate person-centered and participant-directed long-term services and supports within the Aging and Disability Network; and create partnerships between social work education programs and partners to promote student placements, continuing education, and other training activities. Dr. Sciegaj then answered questions from the Committee.

Dr. Morano asked the new members if any were interested in becoming the new chairperson. Dr. Weiss described the process of rotation for Committee members and outlined the duties and responsibilities of the chairperson.

Ms. Jennifer Fiedelholz, Acting Director of the Office of Workforce Development and Analysis spoke to the council about the Bureau's recent reorganization. The Bureau of Health Workforce was created in May 2014, integrating HRSA workforce programs previously housed in two separate bureaus: Health Professions and Clinician Recruitment and Service. She provided an overview of the bureau's organization, priorities, and budget. Ms. Fiedelholz then addressed the council's questions and comments.

Dr. Weiss opened the floor to public comments. No questions or comments were made.

The Committee then returned to the discussion of opening leadership positions. It was determined that a vote would be done via email.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Addendum: Shortly after the meeting, the Committee decided to proceed with the topic *Rethinking Complex Care: Preparing the Health Care Workforce to Foster Person-Centered Care*. This decision was made in light of the fact they heard presentations on and discussed the topic of multiple chronic conditions.