

## Needs Assessment and Services Subcommittee

July 27, 2009

### Individuals Present

Doris Ball – DHR/APS

Gregory Martin – AL Hospice Organization

Gwendolyn Lipscomb – AARP

Kathy Hall – Alabama Medicaid Agency

Linda Lamberth – AL Lifespan Respite Resource Network

Louis Cottrell – ANHA

Frank Holden – ALAA

Mollie Bearden – IFS

Katrina Magdon - ANHA

The group was welcomed and everyone to introduced themselves.

The committee was reminded of the charge of the committee: The *Needs Assessment and Services Subcommittee* is charged with gathering information from consumers on the kinds of services they feel are needed that will divert or delay institutionalization and preserve or improve their quality of life.

The committee was reminded that information about all of the subcommittees could be found on the Alabama Medicaid Agency website.

After much discussion regarding the charge of the committee and the needs of Alabamians, the following tasks were assigned:

1. Kathy Hall – Survey existing agencies to find out their waiting lists for waived services, ages of individuals on waived services by waiver, and the start date of the waiver.
2. Katrina Magdon and Frank Holden – Find out population statistics
3. Katrina Magdon – Contact Dr. Powers to see if a needs assessment has been conducted that is more current than the “Charting the Course” assessment completed several years ago.
4. Kathy Hall – Distribute copies of the 374 reports to the committee
5. Gwendolyn Lipscomb – Determine if Alabama Arise or AARP have any data that may be beneficial to the committee
6. Mollie Bearden – Find out more information and data about the MRDD waiver
7. Doris Ball – Find out any data or results that may have come from the Senior Services Forums held across the state
8. Linda Lamberth - Report on information related to respite being the number one requested home and community based service, number of caregivers in Alabama, resources for respite in the state and give the source of all of the information provided.

A template will be developed by Frank Holden and Kathy Hall for review and comment at our next meeting.

The subcommittee will meet again on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the offices of the Alabama Assisted Living Association.

There being no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned.