

# Meeting Minutes

## Healthy Connections Communities: HCBS Rule Workgroup

<b>Subject</b>	<b>HCBS Rule Workgroup Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Oct. 7, 2021/10 AM – 11:00 AM</b>
<b>Location</b>	Webex
<b>Connection Info</b>	Link: <a href="#">Join meeting</a> <b>Meeting number:</b> 1307 96 1501 <b>Phone:</b> <u>1-415-655-0001</u> <b>Access Code:</b> 1307 96 1501 <b>Meeting Password:</b> KYwqg5MsC26
<b>Attendees</b>	34

### Agenda

No.	Topic	References/handouts
1.	Welcome, Introductions	
2.	SCDHHS COVID-19 Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCDHEC COVID-19 Information</li> </ul>	
3.	HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public notice and comment period: Aug. 23 – Oct. 1, 2021</li> </ul>	
4.	General Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiver renewals</li> <li>• Public health emergency (PHE) update</li> <li>• From South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leaders for Change and Inclusion Webinar Series, Part 1: Leadership Skills (flyer attached)</li> <li>○ Oct. 29, 2021</li> <li>○ 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Registration here</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

### Key Points Discussed

No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	SCDHHS COVID-19 Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See slide deck for information, including SCDHEC COVID-19 information and resources</li> </ul>
2.	HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See slide deck for information</li> <li>• Public comment period ended Oct. 1, 2021</li> <li>• Held the following webinars:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aug. 25 – <a href="#">general public webinar</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aug. 26 &amp; 31 – webinars for the settings reviewed, listed in <a href="#">Appendix O</a></li> <li>○ Month of September – six setting specific webinars for the settings reviewed, listed in <a href="#">Appendix P</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Held for the residents/participants that live in/attend these settings and their family members</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Overall, the public comments provided were generally positive about people’s homes/day program             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Suggestions for improvements for some settings provided</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Once public comment summary and response is finalized, it will be in Appendix A-6 of the <a href="#">Statewide Transition Plan</a></li> <li>● Most of the information to be submitted to CMS is already available on the <a href="#">SCDHHS HCBS website</a>:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Appendix O</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Appendix P</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Category 3 settings rubrics and evidence lists</a></li> <li>○ Once Appendix A-6 of the Statewide Transition Plan is finished and submitted to CMS, it will also be posted to the SCDHHS HCBS website; an email will be sent to HCBS Rule workgroup</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.	General Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Waiver renewals             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Medically Complex Children (MCC) waiver and Intellectual Disability/Related Disability (ID/RD) waiver were submitted to CMS for renewal on Oct. 1, 2021</li> <li>○ Public comment summaries will be posted on <a href="#">SCDHHS website soon</a></li> <li>○ Workgroup will be provided updates on progress of renewal, CMS approval</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Public health emergency (PHE) update:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Flexibilities in waiver programs due to the PHE are still in effect</li> <li>○ SCDHHS actively planning for the changes when the PHE ends</li> <li>○ Federal government stated that states should get 60 days advanced notice for when that ends; no date given yet</li> </ul> </li> <li>● American Rescue Plan Act – temporary, time-limited HCBS funds             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">SCDHHS submitted its initial plan</a>; still waiting on CMS approval</li> <li>○ Requested funds for 3 areas:</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Recruitment and retention of a robust provider network</li><li>▪ Enhancements to HCB services and improved access to waiver services</li><li>▪ Quality and infrastructure improvements</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• From South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council (SC DD Council):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Leaders for Change and Inclusion Webinar Series, Part 1: Leadership Skills (flyer attached)</li><li>○ Oct. 29, 2021</li><li>○ 1 – 2:30 p.m.</li><li>○ <a href="#">Registration here (Free!)</a></li><li>○ Open to 25 participants</li><li>○ Prioritizing self-advocates and parents of children with disabilities</li><li>○ Next webinar is Nov. 18 (flyer attached)</li></ul></li><li>• SC DD Council has a Facebook page and a Twitter account!<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <a href="https://www.facebook.com/South-Carolina-Developmental-Disabilities-Council-111833051267667">https://www.facebook.com/South-Carolina-Developmental-Disabilities-Council-111833051267667</a></li><li>○ <a href="https://www.Twitter.com/scddcouncil">https://www.Twitter.com/scddcouncil</a></li></ul></li><li>• From Family Connection SC:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Family Connection of SC is joining with the Family Voices National office as part of the Family Voices network, to provide current, reliable family-friendly information about COVID-19 vaccines for qualifying children and youth (<a href="https://familyvoices.org/vaccineoutreachproject/">https://familyvoices.org/vaccineoutreachproject/</a>)</li><li>○ To kickoff the campaign we are offering <b>3 (FREE) virtual trainings for parents/families/caregivers</b></li><li>○ Participants will have the opportunity to learn from state experts and ask questions as well</li><li>○ <b><i>Please pass this information on to your partners and the families you serve</i></b></li></ul></li><li>• <b>WORKSHOP #1: <i>Let's Talk: COVID, Childcare Centers, and Pediatric Testing: Ask the Experts</i></b> <b>SPEAKERS:</b> Debbie Greenhouse MD, FAAP with Palmetto Pediatrics and Cynthia S. Lara, Director, Child Care Licensing for DSS <b>Tues., Oct. 12, 2021</b> <b>Zoom Meeting (<a href="#">Registration here</a>)</b> <b>6 – 7 p.m.</b></li></ul>
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		<p>This workshop will cover questions about the COVID-19, pediatric testing, and SCDHEC guidelines for childcare centers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>WORKSHOP #2: Vaccine Update and Q &amp; A</b> <b>SPEAKER:</b> Dr. Jane Kelly, Assistant State Epidemiologist, SCDHEC will lead the session <b>Wed., Oct. 13, 2021</b> <b>Zoom Meeting</b> – two options: 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. (<a href="#">Registration here</a>) or 6 – 7 p.m. (<a href="#">Registration here</a>) Information covered will include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Background statistics: where is SC in this pandemic? Rates of new cases, deaths, % vaccinated</li><li>○ Variants</li><li>○ Three vaccines available: what to know about them</li><li>○ What about side effects e.g., myocarditis, allergic reactions?</li><li>○ When to get the vaccine if had COVID or in quarantine</li><li>○ Third doses (for immunocompromised) and boosters for Pfizer, Moderna, J &amp; J</li><li>○ Can you mix and match vaccines?</li></ul></li><li>• For more information, please contact Family Connection at 1-800-578-8750 or <a href="mailto:SWingard@familyconnectionsc.org">SWingard@familyconnectionsc.org</a></li></ul>
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**Next Meeting:** Nov. 4, 2021

**Future Meetings/Email Updates:**

Dec. 2, 2021