

Meeting Minutes

Healthy Connections Communities: HCBS Rule Workgroup

Subject	Monthly Meeting	Date/Time	November 3, 2016 /10 AM – 11:30 AM		
Location	DHHS Jefferson Square, J11 Conference Room				
Connection Info	Phone: Please choose the access number local to you: 803-726-9796 864-908-3279 843-737-7035 Code: 400622#				
Attendees					
SC HHS	Y/N	Lt. Gov. Office on Aging	Y/N	Protection & Advocacy	Y/N
Peter Liggett	Y	Dale Watson	N	Gloria Prevost	Y
Kelly Eifert	Y			Nancy McCormick	N
Cassidy Evans	Y	Legislature	Y/N		
Lara Sheehi	N	Ryan Burnaugh	N	Family Connections	Y/N
George Maky	N	Angie Willis	N	Amy Holbert	N
Kara Wagoner-Lewis	N	SC Vocational Rehabilitation		Shannon Staley	N
Michelle Abney	Y	Neal Getsinger	N	Kathryn Padgett	Y
Julie Cook	Y	Jacob Chorey	Y	Providers	Y/N
Catrena Britton	Y			Joy Jay, <i>Mental Health America</i>	N
Sonia Wright	Y	DMH	Y/N	Phil Emory, <i>Gateway</i>	N
Cindy Pedersen	N	Ligia Latiff-Bolet	N	Barbara Wright, <i>Helping Hands</i>	N
Lisa Ragland	Y			Lynn Stockman, <i>Newberry County Council on Aging</i>	N
Belinda Adams	Y	DDSN	Y/N	Mary Poole, <i>York DSN Board</i>	Y
Vanessa Busbee	N	Beverly Buscemi	N	Evelyn Turner, <i>Charleston DSN Board</i>	N
Tony Matthews	N	Susan Beck	Y	Judy Johnson, <i>Babcock Center</i>	Y
Sherry Everett	Y	Janet Priest	N	Diane Wilush, <i>United Cerebral Palsy</i>	N
LaToya Brown	N	Dave Goodell	N	Brad Beasley, <i>United Cerebral Palsy</i>	N
Alexis Martin	N	Tom Waring	N	John Coccione, <i>Thrive Upstate</i>	Y
Terrell McMorris	Y			Terry Rogers, <i>CHESCO Services</i>	N
Ann-Marie Dwyer	N	AARP	Y/N	Anne Connor-Schisler, <i>Aging with Flair</i>	N
Felicia Baccus	Y	Coretta Bedsole	N	Dee Curran, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Sheila Chavis	N			Samantha Kriegshauser, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Vikki Rumph	N	Federation of Families	Y/N	Russell Rhodes, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	Y
Jenny Stirling	Y	Belinda Pearson - Barber	N	Elizabeth Krauss, <i>Georgetown DSN Board</i>	N
Bryan Kost	N			Ralph Courtney, <i>Aiken DSN Board/Tri-Development Center</i>	Y
Candice Byrd-Smith	Y	SC Developmental Disabilities Council	Y/N	Tyler Rex, <i>Anderson DSN Board</i>	N
Jennifer Robison	Y	Valarie Bishop	Y	Margie Williamson, <i>The Arc</i>	N
Center for Disabilities Resources	Y/N	Reyhan Miller	N	Beneficiaries/Families	Y/N
David Rotholz	N			Tracie Hayward	N
Meghan Trowbridge	N	SC ABLE	Y/N	Angela Greene	N
		Kimberly Tissot		Bill Welch	Y
Public		Jerri Davison		Ebony DeLoach	N
Patricia Harrison	Y			Mary Tutterow	N

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Agenda			
No.	Topic	Owner	References/handouts
1.	Welcome	Kelly Eifert	
2.	Workgroup Updates: ID/RD Waiver Renewal Person-centered planning	Leads	
3.	Statewide Transition Plan update Public Meetings CMS Feedback Settings Assessment	Kelly Eifert & Cassidy Evans	
4.	CFCM	Cassidy Evans	
5.	General Updates	Cassidy Evans & Kelly Eifert	

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Workgroup Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ID/RD Waiver Renewal</u>: The Request for Additional Information (RAI) responses were submitted to CMS last Wednesday; CMS responded with additional questions and Community Options is working on some clarifications to answer those questions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Community Supports Waiver Renewal</u> – This waiver is up for renewal in June of 2017; process has already begun on this effort. MCAC will receive an advisory on Nov. 15, 2017. • <u>Person-centered planning workgroup</u>: Group met on 11/2/17 and will be working on the following projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommended changes to the DDSN Guidelines for the Service Coordination Assessment – hope to get recommendations to DDSN next month ○ Webpage on the HCBS website on resources for person-centered planning. Will be for waiver participants, families and providers. Will be under construction on the “Resources” section of the website.
2.	Statewide Transition Plan (STP) update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Meetings – held 9 public meetings and the webinar; attendance at meetings not what we had hoped but glad we had some turnout. • CMS Feedback – we submitted the STP on 10/28/16. CMS contacted us on 10/31/16 with immediate

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3.	CFCM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cassidy shared that she is going to look at policy proposals to create a strategic plan to move forward • Will create a stakeholder group to evaluate the different plans • Email her at Cassidy.evans@scdhhs.gov if you are interested in participating on the group • Thrive upstate moving forward on their own towards CFCM • HSPA sent a letter to DDSN and the DDSN commission in support of CFCM; they also want to be mindful that the process does not harm the waiver participants • DDSN will be sending out a memo at the end of November or later on this issue
4.	General Updates/Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DD Council announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nov. 15 webinar on “Entrepreneurship 101” (see flyer in email). Lead speaker Garry James presenting on resources available for small, minority-owned businesses and self-employment for people with disabilities ○ DDC has also had discussions with the State HR on ways to enhance employment opportunities for people with disabilities ○ Val shared DDCouncil’s “Partners in Policymaking” publication on individuals who have been trained to serve on organizational boards. • WIOA update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The regulations were issued and a lot of guidance still to come; some to be issued in December ○ Emphasis is on data collection and who (what agency/organization) is required to report what. Need to make sure the technology is in place so the data needed can be captured and reported out. ○ SCVRD has begun its required Section 511 presentations/information sessions to individuals to explain to them their other opportunities for employment other than sub-minimum wage. Seem to be going well. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thrive Upstate had theirs ▪ Babcock had theirs ▪ Both seemed well done

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Action Items			
No.	Action Item	Owner	Target Completion Date
1.	Update on status of HCBS STP	Kelly	When we hear!
2.	Update on Thrive Upstate VT visit	John C.	1/5/17 OR 2/2/17

Next Meeting: December 1, 2016 (Email update!)

Future Meetings/Email Updates:

- January 5, 2017
- February 2, 2017
- March 2, 2017
- April 6, 2017
- May 4, 2017
- June 1, 2017