

Meeting Minutes

Healthy Connections Communities: HCBS Rule Workgroup

Subject	Monthly Meeting	Date/Time	December 7, 2017 /10 AM – 11:30 AM		
Location	DHHS Jefferson Square, J11-C Conference Room				
Connection Info	Phone: Please choose the access number local to you: 803-726-9796 864-908-3279 843-737-7035 Code 724007 #				
Attendees					
SCDHHS	Y/N	Lt. Gov. Office on Aging	Y/N	Protection & Advocacy	Y/N
Peter Liggett	N	Dale Watson	N	Gloria Prevost	N
Kelly Eifert	Y	Tammy Keller	N	Kathleen Warthen	Y
Scott Tanner	Y	Legislature	Y/N		
Michelle Abney	Y	Ryan Burnaugh	N	Family Connection of SC	Y/N
Jennifer Robinson	Y	Angie Willis	N	Amy Holbert	N
Catrena Britton	Y	SC Vocational Rehabilitation	Y/N	Shannon Staley	N
Sonia Wright	N	Felicia Johnson	N	Kathryn Padgett	Y
David Fiorini	N	Jacob Chorey	Y	Providers	Y/N
George Maky	N			Joy Jay, <i>Mental Health America</i>	N
Cindy Pedersen	N	DMH	Y/N	Anne Connor-Schisler, <i>Aging with Flair</i>	N
Lawrence Glasscho	Y	Melba Arthur	Y	Dee Curran, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Nicole Mitchell Threatt	N			Lisa Huskey, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Lisa Ragland	Y	Center for Disabilities Resources	Y/N	Kimberly Keel, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Mark Collins	Y	David Rotholz	N	Samantha Kriegshauser, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Vanessa Busbee	N	Meghan Trowbridge	Y	Russell Rhodes, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Tony Matthews	Y			Lynn Stockman, <i>Newberry Co. Council on Aging</i>	N
Sherry Everett	Y	SC Developmental Disabilities Council	Y/N	Barbara Wright, <i>Helping Hands</i>	N
LaToya Brown	N	Valarie Bishop	Y	Brad Beasley, <i>United Cerebral Palsy</i>	N
Alexis Martin	Y	Reyhan Miller	N	Ralph Courtney, <i>Aiken DSN Board/Tri-Development Center</i>	N
Terrell McMorris	N				
Candice Smith-Byrd	Y	Able SC	Y/N	Susan John, <i>Horry Co. DSN Board</i>	Y
Ann-Marie Dwyer	N	Kimberly Tissot	N	Judy Johnson, <i>Babcock Center</i>	N
Laytavia Watson	Y	Jerri Davison	N	Elizabeth Krauss, <i>Georgetown DSN Board</i>	Y
Gwynne Goodlett	N	Robbie Kopp	Y	Mary Poole, <i>York DSN Board</i>	Y
Janice Baliff	N			Tyler Rex, <i>Thrive Upstate</i>	N
Lara Sheehi	N			Terry Rogers, <i>CHESCO Services</i>	Y
Sheila Chavis	N	AccessAbility	Y/N	Evelyn Turner, <i>Charleston DSN Board</i>	N
Vikki Rumph	N	Julia Martinelli	N	Margie Williamson, <i>The Arc of SC</i>	Y
Jenny Stirling	N			Diane Wilush, <i>United Cerebral Palsy</i>	N
SCDDSN	Y/N	Walton Options	Y/N	Jerrel Lynn King, <i>Anderson DSN Board</i>	Y
Beverly Buscemi	N	Tiffany Johnston	N	Donna Hall, <i>Babcock Center</i>	Y
Susan Beck	N	Cyndy Milstead-Anzek	N	Beneficiaries/Families	Y/N
Janet Priest	Y	Ukoha Chuku	Y	Tracie Hayward	N
Dave Goodell	N	Federation of Families	Y/N	Angela Greene	N
Tom Waring	N	Belinda Pearson - Barber	N	Bill Welch	N
Ben Orner	N			Ebony DeLoach	Y
Lynn Lugo	N	AARP	Y/N	Mary Tutterow	N
Ann Dalton	N	Coretta Bedsole	N		
Mali Chisholm	Y				

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Agenda			
No.	Topic	Owner	References/handouts
1.	Welcome	Kelly Eifert	
2.	Moving Forward: Future of HCBS Workgroup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Overview: Original purpose, history</i> • <i>Accomplishments to date</i> • <i>Work to be done</i> • <i>Where does the HCBS Workgroup fit?</i> 	Kelly Eifert	
3.	Next Steps	Kelly Eifert	
4.	General Updates	All	

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Moving Forward: Future of HCBS Workgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Overview: Original purpose, history</i> Kelly reviewed the history and purpose of the workgroup. See attached presentation in email. This included accomplishments to date (see slides 3-5). • <i>Work to be done</i> This includes (slide 11): Statewide Transition Plan revisions, updates Completion of all needed systemic (policy) changes Completion of setting changes, ongoing compliance in place Training on person-centered practices Conflict-free case management implementation • <i>Where does the HCBS Workgroup fit?</i> Does the workgroup have a purpose in assisting the remaining work to be done? If so, what should the structure of the workgroup be? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion around why people attend this group included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staying abreast of information and changes ▪ Want to be part of the process ▪ Express concerns about implementation (are expectations realistic? What about cost to do so?) ▪ Want to be sure that people's choices are honored (even the bad choices) ▪ Concerns expressed that the rule eliminates choice and we are moving backwards ▪ Concerns expressed about the push for Employment First

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attend to help self-advocates understand the process and changes on the back end ▪ Attend to help families understand the new paradigm and to keep connection with families in process ○ Suggested that more advocates needed to be included from around the state ○ Should sub-groups be utilized again and set timelines for work to be done? ○ Will technical assistance be available for providers for Compliance Action Plans (HCBS settings)? ○ Could create technical assistance for HCBS vision; a peer-to-peer sharing ○ Suggested to look at the service array in the waivers; how might they be placing restrictions on people ○ Larger workgroup could be used to share information while sub-groups do work related to the remaining work to be done; work reported to larger group ○ Sub-groups – are some existing groups with providers and DDSN that would welcome tasks for this project (ex: Residential and Supported Employment) ○ Workgroup could look at analyzing the effects of changes in people’s lives. What are the effects? How is it impacting all partners? Are we projected demand to meet changing needs? How to measure all of this? ○ Could be a “funding committee” to address waiver services and rates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need to also explore non-waiver/”outside” services that waiver would not pay for. Are there changes to be made in these services? ○ Kelly suggested that a “heightened scrutiny” review committee could be created from advocate organizations of the group. They would review settings being put forth for heightened scrutiny to CMS; could offer feedback on the settings themselves and/or on the methodology of determining settings to go through heightened scrutiny
2.	Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Based on conversation, it sounded like there was opportunity for the workgroup to continue in some fashion, perhaps as an information sharing forum and/or to review work done by potential sub-groups. ● Need to determine how the group will be organized moving forward. Work will need to be prioritized. This will be done in January via email.

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Action Items			
No.	Action Item	Owner	Target Completion Date
1.	Determine organization of workgroup and potential sub-groups; associated tasks.	Kelly	1/8/2018

Next Meeting: TBD