

Meeting Minutes

Healthy Connections Communities: HCBS Rule Workgroup

Subject	Monthly Meeting	Date/Time	February 4, 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: 114014 #				
Attendees					
SC HHS	Y/N	Lt. Gov. Office on Aging	Y/N	Protection & Advocacy	Y/N
Peter Liggett	N	J. Yancey McGill	N	Gloria Prevost	Y
Kelly Eifert	Y			Nancy McCormick	N
Lara Sheehi	N	Legislature	Y/N		
Cassidy Evans	Y	Ryan Burnaugh	N	Family Connections	Y/N
George Maky	N	Angie Willis	N	Amy Holbert	N
Kara Wagoner-Lewis	N			Shannon Staley	Y
Anita Atwood	Y	SC Vocational Rehabilitation			
Julie Cook	Y	Linda Lieser	N	Providers	Y/N
Catrena Britton	Y	Jacob Chorey	Y	Joy Jay, <i>Mental Health America</i>	N
Sonia Wright	Y	DMH	Y/N	Phil Emory, <i>Gateway</i>	Y
Cindy Pedersen	N	Ligia Latiff-Bolet	Y	Barbara Wright, <i>Helping Hands</i>	N
Lisa Ragland	Y			Lynn Stockman, <i>Newberry County Council on Aging</i>	N
Belinda Adams	N	DDSN	Y/N	Mary Poole, <i>York DSN Board</i>	Y
Sherry Everett	N	Beverly Buscemi	Y	Rick Magner, <i>Charleston DSN Board</i>	Y
Tony Matthews	Y	Susan Beck	N	Judy Johnson, <i>Babcock Center</i>	Y
Vanessa Busbee	N	Janet Priest	Y	Diane Wilush, <i>United Cerebral Palsy</i>	N
AnnMarie Dwyer	N	Dave Goodell	Y	Brad Beasley, <i>United Cerebral Palsy</i>	N
Alexis Martin	N	Tom Waring	Y	John Cocciolone, <i>Greenville DSN Board</i>	N
Russell Morrison	Y			Terry Rogers, <i>CHESCO Services</i>	Y
Vivian McCray	N	AARP	Y/N	Anne Connor-Schisler, <i>Aging with Flair</i>	N
Terrell McMorris	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	Y	Federation of Families	Y/N	Russell Rhodes, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Jenny Lynch	Y	Belinda Pearson - Barber	N	Dale Thompson, <i>Anderson DSN Board</i>	N
Bryan Kost	Y			Elizabeth Krauss, <i>Georgetown DSN Board</i>	Y
Michelle Abney	Y	SC Developmental Disabilities Council	Y/N	Ralph Courtney, <i>Aiken DSN Board/Tri-Development Center</i>	Y
		Valarie Bishop	Y	Margie Williamson, <i>The ARC</i>	Y
Center for Disabilities Resources	Y/N	Reyhan Miller	Y	Beneficiaries/Families	Y/N
David Rotholz	N			Tracie Hayward	N
Meghan Trowbridge	Y	SC ABLE	Y/N	Angela Greene	N
		Kimberly Tissot	N	Bill Welch	N

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Agenda			
No.	Topic	Owner	References/handouts
1.	Welcome	Kelly Eifert	
2.	Workgroup Updates: ID/RD Waiver Renewal PRIME waiver amendments 1915 (i) Person-centered planning	Leads	
3.	Statewide Transition Plan Updates	Kelly Eifert & Cassidy Evans	
4.	General Updates Heightened Scrutiny – site visits Other?	Kelly Eifert & Cassidy Evans	

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Workgroup Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ID/RD Waiver Renewal</u>: CMS sent an Informal Request for Additional Information (IRAI). SCDHHS has until 2/12/16 to respond; we have already requested an extension. Many of the questions require other agencies/organizations to provide us with information to answer the questions. • <u>PRIME/CLTC waiver updates</u>: CLTC has an IRAI from CMS on the PRIME amendments; they are working on those now. Also working on the renewals for two waivers: Community Choices (CC) and HIV/AIDs. The PRIME amendments must go through and be approved by CMS first before CLTC can submit the CC and HIV/AIDS renewals • <u>1915(i)</u> – the 1915(i) state plan amendment is currently on hold; SCDHHS is proceeding with a new 1915(c) waiver – the Palmetto Coordinated System of Care (PCSC) • <u>Person-centered planning</u>: Group met on Wednesday 2/3/16; still working on a webpage for person-centered resources for the state; also looking at outreach/education for various stakeholders on person-centered thinking/planning. Next meeting scheduled for 3/2/2016
2.	Statewide Transition Plan (STP) updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a recap: first STP submitted to CMS on 2/26/15. CMS sent feedback in August 2015 to make revisions. Revised STP submitted to CMS on 9/25/15. CMS sent additional feedback in November 2015. Second revision sent to CMS on 2-4-2016. This will be reviewed as a draft prior to the public notice on Feb. 24

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3.	General Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heightened scrutiny site visits<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Kelly and Cassidy will start with ADHC’s first, then do the DDSN Day programs next○ Will be revising the C4 day (non-residential) assessment to split into two: one for ADHC’s and one for DDSN Day programs. Their missions are different enough that splitting it into two should provide us with a more accurate assessment of each program type.○ Question was asked if waiver participants who utilize these settings would be interviewed; Kelly said yes, but no set protocol has been determined yet.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cassidy shared that she developed an Olmstead Rubric to assist in site visits of Day programs (attached in email with minutes). The rubric was based on the findings DOJ had in the Rhode Island case in 2014. It is still in draft form, so if you have suggestions, please let Cassidy know. It will be used to see how we compare to the indicators DOJ used and determine how we can improve our system and services. It will be used for the site visits in addition to the revised C4 assessment.• The question was brought up about the development of model leases (42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)(vi)(A) requirement). DDSN shared that some of their group had been discussing it (and working on one?). Judy Johnson shared that Babcock developed one and was happy to share with DDSN.• Employment efforts for waiver participants was discussed. Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Dept. working with DDSN on referrals and improved communication; DDSN committed to providing funding for long-term follow along supports. VR and DDSN also did a pilot project with 3 sites on employment opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Sites were Columbia, Greenwood, and Conway. A dedicated VR counselor was at each site to work specifically with people served by DDSN; Babcock is providing the follow-along support in Columbia. The other sites did not have as much utilization.• DD Council had an Employment RFP funding opportunity and received several grant applications for the RFP. To whomever the grant is awarded will begin their project in July 2016. Also mentioned success of Project SEARCH working with young adults/students transitioning• Kelly asked the group what would make these meetings more meaningful and useful to them beyond just sharing information. She wants to be mindful of people's time, while still utilizing the diversity of this group to have good discussion about the implementation of HCBS.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Suggested to have a "Call for Agenda Items"<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Kelly will do that for next meeting○ Suggested to not have the March meeting (since will be in the middle of the public comment period for the STP); meet again in April
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Kelly will just send out a monthly update via email○ Cassidy suggested that the group could also use this time to tell us (Kelly and Cassidy) what we can do better, what we need to know as we move forward in the Transition period<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discussion revolved around communication with waiver participants (as it relates to our site visits). How it is done is important so that we get meaningful and accurate input▪ Suggested we could utilize IMPACT as a starting point to network with those self-advocates who could then connect us to self-advocates at the local level (local DSN board groups)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Babcock – their group is BETA, meet monthly; Judy could help us get on their agenda for a meeting• Aiken also has a group• York has a group• Conversations with the advocate group members could be very informative and could share information▪ Suggested we could also look at the NCI data to assist in getting waiver participant feedback; they have a validated protocol and compare state data to nationwide data○ Discussion also around the topic of general public perception of people with disabilities<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Are still issues with the school system segregating students with disabilities from their peers – even their local peers – so that they are unable to get to know other students in their local neighborhoods and communities (cannot build social capital)▪ There is a movement to push for self-directed IEP's (individualized education programs); Supported Decision Making models (in place of guardianship)▪ Family Connections recently awarded the PTI grant for education and training for parents (http://www.familyconnections.org/press-releases.html)
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Action Items			
No.	Action Item	Owner	Target Completion Date
1.	Connect with IMPACT and local advocate groups	Kelly & Cassidy	March 3, 2016
2.	Send STP public notice to group	Kelly	Feb. 24, 2016
3.	Send STP Webinar information to group	Kelly	Feb. 5, 2016

Next Email Update: March 3, 2016 (*no meeting*)

Future Meetings/Email Updates:

April 7, 2016 (***meeting!***)

May 5, 2016

June 2, 2016