

# Meeting Minutes

## Healthy Connections Communities: HCBS Rule Workgroup

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>February 6, 2020/10 AM – 11:30 AM</b>
<b>Location</b>	Webex		
<b>Connection Info</b>	<b>Link:</b> <a href="https://scdhhs.webex.com/scdhhs/j.php?MTID=m027e3285cd52a6b6cb123f29a03cb180">https://scdhhs.webex.com/scdhhs/j.php?MTID=m027e3285cd52a6b6cb123f29a03cb180</a> <b>Meeting number:</b> 743 559 979 <b>Phone:</b> 1-415-655-0001 <b>Access Code:</b> 743 559 979		
<b>Attendees</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Kelly Eifert	SCDHHS		
Lisa Ragland	SCDHHS		
Candice Smith-Byrd	SCDHHS		
Mark Collins	SCDHHS		
Ronica Tolliver	SCDHHS		
Tiffany Brown	SCDHHS		
Margaret Alewine	SCDHHS		
Lawrence Glasscho	SCDHHS		
Michelle Abney	SCDHHS		
Anika Robinson	SCDHHS		
Catrena Britton	SCDHHS		
Amy Davenport	Parent		
Ebony Deloach	Self-Advocate		
Melissa Ritter	SCDDSN		
Dale Watson	Dept. on Aging		
Tammy Keller	Dept. on Aging		
Jacob Chorey	SCVRD		
Lynelle Reavis	SCDMH		
Beth Franco	Protection & Advocacy		
Melissa Snyder	Able South Carolina		
Cindy Milstead-Anzek	Walton Options		
Michelle Shafer	MaxAbilities		
Tyler Rex	Thrive Upstate		
Stacy Whitsel	Thrive Upstate		
Jerry Bernard	Charles Lea Center		
Susan John	Horry Co. DSN Board		

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Agenda			
No.	Topic	Owner	References/handouts
1.	Welcome, Introductions	Kelly Eifert	
2.	Statewide Transition Plan (STP) update	Kelly Eifert	
3.	Long Term Living (LTL) policy update	Candice Smith-Byrd	
4.	HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings	Kelly/DDSN	
5.	Self-advocate experience	Ebony Deloach	
6.	<p>General Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empowering a Future – Transition Conference for Professionals               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Feb. 7, 2020</li> <li>○ Columbia, SC</li> <li>○ 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Information and Registration here</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hopes &amp; Dreams Conference (Family Connection SC)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Feb. 25 – 26, 2020</li> <li>○ Columbia, SC</li> <li>○ <a href="#">More information here</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Staff Training: Developmental Disabilities &amp; Dementia               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Feb. 24 – Columbia, SC</li> <li>○ March 5 – Rock Hill, SC</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Information and Registration here</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• SC Assistive Technology Expo               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ March 3, 2020</li> <li>○ Columbia, SC</li> <li>○ 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</li> <li>○ <a href="#">More information here</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Disability Advocacy Day               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ March 4, 2020</li> <li>○ Columbia, SC</li> <li>○ 9 a.m. – 12 noon</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Employer Engagement Training               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ March 4, 2020</li> <li>○ Greenville, SC</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Registration here</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	All	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SC Human Service Provider Association Annual Conference             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ March 9 – 11, 2020</li> <li>○ Myrtle Beach, SC</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Registration here</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Statewide Transition Plan (STP) update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMS granted Final Approval of the STP on Feb. 4, 2020</li> <li>• Approved plan and approval letter will be posted on the SCDHHS HCBS website by end of the day Feb. 6. 2020</li> <li>• See attached slide deck (slide 3)</li> </ul>
2.	Long Term Living (LTL) policy update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See attached slide deck (slide 4)</li> <li>• Policy update for Adult Day Health Care providers             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Providers enrolled prior to 2018 must complete compliance actions as stated in their approved Compliance Action Plans. If providers found not compliant with HCBS standards after April 1, 2022, that contract will be terminated.</li> <li>○ New providers enrolled after 2018 must be compliant upon entry as Medicaid provider. If providers found not compliant with HCBS standards at any time after enrollment, contract will be terminated</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Policy in Phoenix will be updated first</li> <li>• Policy in CLTC manual on SCDHHS website updated April 1, 2020</li> </ul>
3.	HCBS Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See attached slide deck (slides 5-6)</li> <li>• First evidence package for a category 2 setting received             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review Team (DHHS and DDSN staff) doing a preliminary review to make sure evidence is complete, appropriate, if more needed, etc. Also testing review rubric, see if it needs adjustment to make sure it is reviewing what is needed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Question was asked about the required public notice and how that would be done as there are concerns for the residential settings neighborhoods that are not currently identified as a “provider owned or controlled” setting in the neighborhood.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The plan is to host a webinar for the general public to meet the CMS requirements of public notice</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Settings will be identified by county (regionally if permitted) and name of setting (not address included)</li> <li>○ See Ohio's example: <a href="https://www.medicaid.ohio.gov/INITIATIVES/HCBS-Transition">https://www.medicaid.ohio.gov/INITIATIVES/HCBS-Transition</a></li> <li>○ Kelly will coordinate with the affected providers to host in-person meetings for the people who live and/or attend the settings going through this process             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 117 settings located in 24 counties; 22 providers</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Wants to provide the opportunity for people to provide direct, in-person feedback, comments, etc.</li> </ul>
4.	Self-advocate experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● See attached slide deck (slide 8)</li> <li>● Ebony Deloach shared her experience in coordinating transportation and care to attend a conference.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Interactions with Beaufort County VR office were positive (contrary to previous interactions). Staff there provided her with different company contacts to reach out and coordinate her transportation to the conference.</li> <li>○ VR staff member was very friendly, professional, and generally helpful despite this not being a required part of the job</li> <li>○ The transportation staff she talked with at Palmetto Breeze (local county transit), and another agency were both very professional and helpful. Previous interactions with prior staff were neither.</li> <li>○ To help coordinate care, she reached out to a fellow self-advocate (Saquan Brown) who offered to talk to his agency, and actually gave her another agency to contact as his could not accommodate her request.</li> <li>○ Emphasized that the professionalism, courtesy, and general willingness to help someone who has specific needs for travel makes the overall experience much more positive.</li> <li>○ Specific shout outs:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Beaufort Co. VR: Tre Beaton</li> <li>▪ Palmetto Breeze: Laura Atkinson</li> <li>▪ Jasper Co. DSN Board: Deborah Walsh</li> <li>▪ Center for Disability Resources: Kristi Hartwell</li> <li>▪ SC Self-Advocate: Saquan Brown</li> <li>▪ NC Self Advocate: Eric Chavis</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5.	General Updates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● See attached slide deck (slides 9-11); notes above</li> </ul>

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Action Items			
No.	Action Item	Owner	Target Completion Date
1.	Post approved STP, approval letter to SCDHHS HCBS website	Kelly	2/6/2020

**Next Meeting:** March 5, 2020

**Future Meetings/Email Updates:**

April 2, 2020

May 7, 2020

June 4, 2020

July 2, 2020 (*email update*)

August 6, 2020 (*email update*)

September 3, 2020

October 1, 2020

November 5, 2020

December 3, 2020