

Meeting Minutes

Healthy Connections Communities: HCBS Rule Workgroup

Subject	Monthly Meeting	Date/Time	April 7, 2015 /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: 897334#				
Attendees					
SC HHS	Y/N	Lt. Gov. Office on Aging	Y/N	Protection & Advocacy	Y/N
Peter Liggett	Y	J. Yancey McGill	N	Gloria Prevost	Y
Kelly Eifert	Y			Nancy McCormick	Y
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	Y	SC Vocational Rehabilitation		Shannon Staley	N
Anita Atwood	N	Linda Lieser	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
Michelle Abney	Y			Lynn Stockman, <i>Newberry County Council on Aging</i>	N
Lisa Ragland	Y	DDSN	Y/N	Mary Poole, <i>York DSN Board</i>	N
Belinda Adams	N	Beverly Buscemi	N	Rick Magner, <i>Charleston DSN Board</i>	Y
Sherry Everett	Y	Susan Beck	N	Judy Johnson, <i>Babcock Center</i>	Y
Tony Matthews	Y	Janet Priest	N	Diane Wilush, <i>United Cerebral Palsy</i>	N
Vanessa Busbee	N	Dave Goodell	Y	Brad Beasley, <i>United Cerebral Palsy</i>	N
AnnMarie Dwyer	N	Tom Waring	N	John Cocciolone, <i>Greenville DSN Board</i>	Y
Alexis Martin	N			Terry Rogers, <i>CHESCO Services</i>	N
Russell Morrison	Y	AARP	Y/N	Anne Connor-Schisler, <i>Aging with Flair</i>	N
Vivian McCray	Y	Coretta Bedsole	N	Dee Curran, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Terrell McMorris	N			Samantha Kriegshauser, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Sheila Chavis	N	Federation of Families	Y/N	Russell Rhodes, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	Y
Vikki Rumph	N	Belinda Pearson - Barber	N	Elizabeth Krauss, <i>Georgetown DSN Board</i>	Y
Jenny Lynch	N			Ralph Courtney, <i>Aiken DSN Board/Tri-Development Center</i>	Y
Bryan Kost	N	SC Developmental Disabilities Council	Y/N	Tyler Rex, <i>Anderson DSN Board</i>	N
		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	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 Person-centered planning	Leads	
3.	Statewide Transition Plan Updates	Kelly Eifert & Cassidy Evans	
4.	General Updates/Discussion HCBS Technical Assistance Conflict Free Case Management Assisted Living Facility changes? Future Meetings	Kelly Eifert & Cassidy Evans Vivian McCray	

Key Points Discussed		
No	Topic	Highlights
1.	Workgroup Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ID/RD Waiver Renewal</u>: DHHS requested an extension for this waiver in February 2016, CMS granted that extension in March 2016. CMS has requested that DHHS submit the answers to the RAI (Request for Additional Information) by April 22, 2016. • <u>PRIME Waiver Amendments</u>: DHHS submitted the answers to the RAI for these amendments on March 30, 2016, and they are under review by CMS. As a reminder, the Community Choices waiver and the HIV/AIDS waiver are both up for renewal, but those renewals cannot be submitted until CMS approves the PRIME amendments. • <u>Person-centered planning</u>: The group met on 4/6; they will be doing training for the workgroup members and then looking at how to best go about doing education and outreach. Their 3 target audiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waiver participants and families ○ Case Managers ○ Providers DHHS is able to get Technical Assistance from CMS on this (please see#4 for more details), but asked this group for ideas on how to use the PCP workgroup in the overall HCBS transition efforts. Ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Web resources: qualitymall.org

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Searchable database idea (from the PCP workgroup meeting on 4/4) – others suggested that utilizing existing resources like United Way 211 might be good <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DDSN has “Practical Guide to Services” (http://ddsn.sc.gov/about/Pages/PracticalGuidetoServices.aspx) ○ Set up a system of independent consultants to train staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mentioned that training cannot be billed, but is built into rates ○ Could utilize the in-service training times (if a DSN Board has those) to have PCP workgroup members come in and provide training to Direct Care Workers (DCWs) ○ Mentioned concern with high turn-over rate of DCWs and effectiveness of training ○ Utilize technology (webinar, etc) to at least introduce DCW’s to concept of person-centered thinking and services ○ Babcock has a subscription to Direct Course to provide training via the internet and it is linked to Therap ○ Important to also incorporate on the job training with the web-based training ○ Conference: the Council on Quality Leadership (CQL) hosting a conference on May 19, 2016 entitled “Person Centered in Action.” In Kannapolis, NC – just one day http://www.c-q-l.org/conferenceNC ○ Outreach/education of families; some providers see a high turnover of families and it is important to educate them on not only what providers do, but why they do it ○ Some DSN Boards have family groups that meet – could be an avenue for outreach ○ Suggested that we send information out to the DSN Board Human Rights Committees; each one is local and is composed of people using DDSN services or a self-advocate, parents/family members, local business leaders and other community members. Help to educate them on this topic.
2.	Statewide Transition Plan Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Statewide Transition Plan was submitted to CMS on March 31, 2016. Awaiting review. ● Most states had to submit on this date for review. ● No state has a plan approved yet. At this point, CMS will only be granting initial approval; final approval will not be granted until a state has completed its settings assessment. For SC, that will be next year.

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3.	<p><i>General Updates/ Discussion</i> HCBS Technical Assistance (TA)</p> <p>Conflict-Free Case Management</p> <p>Assisted Living Facility changes?</p> <p>Future Meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHHS is able to get Technical Assistance (TA) from CMS on coming into compliance with HCBS. http://www.hcbs-ta.org/ We requested TA in 3 areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Person-centered systems ○ Conflict-free case management ○ Day Services Staff from DHHS and DDSN will participate on the initial calls to determine where we are and how the TA consultants can help. • CFCM – the focus is specifically on the service-plan development per the requirements in the regulations. We hope to get some help through the TA. • Assisted Living Facility (ALF) Changes – the DHHS Money Follows the Person (MFP) program looking for information or resources on ALF’s. The MFP program has specific requirements for the type of housing that can be used for participants, and ALF’s can be used if they are 4 beds or less. Vivian McCray (with MFP program) has only found 2 in the state. There are several barriers that prevent MFP from placing individuals, including resources, passing credit checks, and overall availability of housing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ She needs help finding homes for MFP participants! • DD Council has its grants meeting on Tuesday to determine which programs submitted will be funded. Have many good applications on enhanced employment options and enhanced community options. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on Project SEARCH – 4 of its 6 participants are fully employed (with benefits!). Hope to see some more Project SEARCH programs start around the state. ○ Link for current grantees: http://www.sccddc.state.sc.us/documents/05--15-16%20Grant%20Narratives.pdf • SC Vocational Rehabilitation: The Unified State Plan (required as part of WIOA – Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) was submitted last week. Participating agencies include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SC Vocational Rehabilitation Dept. ○ Division of Adult Education, Dept. of Education ○ SC Commission for the Blind ○ SC Dept. of Education and Workforce
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		<p>The plan includes new performance measures on employment. The Dept. of Labor and Dept. of Education (federal) will be doing a joint review; have 90 days.</p> <p>Link: http://dew.sc.gov/news/WIOA_Unified_State_Plan_Public_Comment_Draft.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randy Lewis (of Walgreens) will be speaking April 26-27 in Greenville to Employers about the benefits of hiring individuals with disabilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mentioned that the SC Disability Employment Coalition looking to build a Business Network in the state through their Outreach Committee • Future Meetings: We are scheduled through June; Kelly will send out a meeting invitation after the minutes are sent for the remaining meetings for this year.
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Action Items			
No.	Action Item	Owner	Target Completion Date
1.	Coordinate with Provider agencies on outreach to families	Kelly/Cassidy	Ongoing
2.	Provide updates on HCBS TA	Kelly	May 5

Next Meeting Update - EMAIL: May 5, 2016

Future Meetings/Email Updates:

- June 2, 2016 (in person)
- July 7, 2016 (email update)
- August 4, 2016
- September 1, 2016
- October 6, 2016
- November 3, 2016
- December 1, 2016