

Meeting Minutes

Healthy Connections Communities: HCBS Rule Workgroup

Subject	Monthly Meeting	Date/Time	May 7, 2020/10 AM – 11:00 AM
Location	Webex		
Connection Info	Link: Join meeting Meeting number: 743 559 979 Phone: 1-415-655-0001 Access Code: 748 577 201		
Attendees			
Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Kelly Eifert	SCDHHS	Margie Williamson	The Arc of SC
Lisa Ragland	SCDHHS	Teri Todd	Bright Start
Candice Smith-Byrd	SCDHHS	Donna Hall	Babcock Center
Mark Collins	SCDHHS	Ralph Courtney	Aiken DSN/Tri-Development Center
Sherry Everett	SCDHHS	Stacy Whitsel	Thrive Upstate
Tiffany Brown	SCDHHS	Jerry Bernard	Charles Lea Center
LaToya Brown	SCDHHS	Michelle Shaffer	MaxAbilities
Alexis Martin	SCDHHS	Susan John	Horry County DSN Board
Margaret Alewine	SCDHHS		
Lawrence Glasscho	SCDHHS		
Michelle Abney	SCDHHS		
Anika Robinson	SCDHHS		
Janice Bailiff	SCDHHS		
Gad Nziramakenga	SCDHHS		
Ebony Deloach	Self-Advocate		
Kathryn Padgett	Family Connection SC		
Susan Beck	SCDDSN		
Janet Priest	SCDDSN		
Melissa Ritter	SCDDSN		
Lori Manos	SCDDSN		
Rufus Britt	SCDDSN		
Kyla Schultz	SCDDSN		
Ann Dalton	SCDDSN		
Tammy Keller	Dept. on Aging		
Dale Watson	Dept. on Aging		
Jacob Chorey	SCVRD		
Lynelle Reavis	SCDMH		
Valarie Bishop	SC Dev. Disabilities Council		
Cyndy Anzek	Walton Options		

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Agenda			
No.	Topic	Owner	References/handouts
1.	Welcome, Introductions	Kelly Eifert	
2.	COVID 19 Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCDHHS resources • Impact on beneficiaries 	Kelly Eifert/Program Areas	
3.	HCBS Compliance Action Plan updates – SCDDSN providers	Kelly Eifert/SCDDSN	
4.	HCBS Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings	Kelly/SCDDSN	
5.	General Updates		

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	COVID 19 Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCDHHS resources – please see attached slide deck <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SCDHHS webpage for beneficiaries and providers: https://msp.scdhhs.gov/covid19/ • Impact on beneficiaries – see Appendix K information in next item.
2.	Appendix K information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix K flexibilities are temporary and time-limited to allow for response to situations during the pandemic • The state asked for the following flexibilities within the approved Long Term Living waiver documents (Community Choices, HIV/AIDS, Mechanical Ventilator Dependent): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The ability for case managers to complete in home visits by phone ○ Increase in Home Delivered Meals not to exceed 14 meals per week ○ Increase in the nutritional supplement limitation ○ Person Centered planning to be conducted by phone with the designated responsible party and/or participant ○ Relaxing the caregiver policy to allow certain family members to provide care ○ Allowing the Compliance team to complete oversight activities by desk reviews • Medically Complex Children waiver: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flexibility was requested for the RN Care Coordination waiver service. This allows for this service to be conducted via electronic methods (telephonic) • ID/RD, CS and HASCI waivers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A combined Appendix K was submitted for all 3

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Included flexibilities in service limits to allow for supplanting of services for participants displaced from services such as Day Programs and Adult Day Health Care ○ Increased flexibility in service limits for Waiver Case Management to allow for management of emergency responses ○ Allowing redeployment of staff who meet qualifications to provide other non-professional services ○ Allowing provision of services in alternate settings (day services) ○ Allowing provisional licensure for settings that would typically require onsite visits ○ Conducting quality reviews via desk reviews ○ Many of the changes are intended to allow for services to be provided in lieu of those that may not be available due to program closures ● The full Appendix K's, and the letter from CMS, can be read on the SCDHHS COVID-19 webpage: https://msp.scdhhs.gov/covid19/other-covid-19-resources/appendix-k-amendment
3.	HCBS Compliance Action Plan updates – SCDDSN providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See attached slide deck ● When COVID-19 restrictions were put in place state-wide, SCDDSN purposefully stopped reaching out to providers so that they could focus on their COVID-19 response for the people they serve and support and their staff. ● Any questions about your agency's CAP or status, please contact Janet Priest.
4.	HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See attached slide deck ● CMS has not indicated they will change the final HCBS compliance date of March 17, 2022 ● CMS has begun discussions on whether to change the date to submit heightened scrutiny reviews to them. The current date is Oct. 30, 2020. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kelly will share information from CMS once they make a decision
5.	General Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Palmetto Coordinated System of Care (PCSC) waiver was submitted on May 1, 2020. It is currently under review. ● Bi-weekly meeting for Self-advocates on Zoom: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SARTAC ○ Mondays and Thursdays ○ 1 p.m. EST

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Join on computer, tablet or smart phone: https://zoom.us/j/324815633○ Or call: 1-929-436-2866 Meeting ID: 324 815 633● From Walton Options:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ First Impressions Count: Dress for Success Training<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ May 14, 2020, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.▪ Information and registration linked here○ Your Benefits & You – Monthly WIPA Project 20/20 workshop<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ June 2, 2020, 1:30 – 3 pm.▪ Information linked here
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Next Meeting: June 4, 2020

Future Meetings/Email Updates:

July 2, 2020 (*email update*)

August 6, 2020

September 3, 2020

October 1, 2020

November 5, 2020

December 3, 2020