

Meeting Minutes

Healthy Connections Communities: HCBS Rule Workgroup

Subject	Monthly Meeting	Date/Time	June 1, 2017 /10 AM – 11:00 AM		
Location	DHHS Jefferson Square, J9 Conference Room				
Connection Info	Phone: Please choose the access number local to you: 803-726-9796 864-908-3279 843-737-7035 Code 687217 #				
Attendees					
SCDHHS	Y/N	Lt. Gov. Office on Aging	Y/N	Protection & Advocacy	Y/N
Peter Liggett	N	Dale Watson	N	Gloria Prevost	Y
Kelly Eifert	Y			Nancy McCormick	N
Cassidy Evans	Y	Legislature	Y/N		
Lara Sheehi	N	Ryan Burnaugh	N	Family Connection of SC	Y/N
George Maky	Y	Angie Willis	N	Amy Holbert	N
Scott Tanner	N	SC Vocational Rehabilitation	Y/N	Shannon Staley	N
Kara Wagoner-Lewis	N	Neal Getsinger	N	Kathryn Padgett	N
Michelle Abney	Y	Jacob Chorey	N	Providers	Y/N
Jennifer Robinson	Y			Joy Jay, <i>Mental Health America</i>	N
Catrena Britton	N	DMH	Y/N		
Sonia Wright	N	Ligia Latiff-Bolet	Y	Barbara Wright, <i>Helping Hands</i>	N
Cindy Pedersen	N			Lynn Stockman, <i>Newberry Co. Council on Aging</i>	N
Janet Snider	Y				
Lisa Ragland	Y	Center for Disabilities Resources	Y/N	Mary Poole, <i>York DSN Board</i>	N
Belinda Adams	N	David Rotholz	N	Evelyn Turner, <i>Charleston DSN Board</i>	N
Vanessa Busbee	N	Meghan Trowbridge	N	Judy Johnson, <i>Babcock Center</i>	Y
Tony Matthews	N			Diane Wilush, <i>United Cerebral Palsy</i>	N
Sherry Everett	N	SC Developmental Disabilities Council	Y/N	Brad Beasley, <i>United Cerebral Palsy</i>	N
LaToya Brown	N	Valarie Bishop	N	John Cocciolone, <i>Thrive Upstate</i>	N
Alexis Martin	N	Reyhan Miller	Y	Terry Rogers, <i>CHESCO Services</i>	Y
Terrell McMorris	N	Able SC	Y/N	Anne Connor-Schisler, <i>Aging with Flair</i>	N
Candice Smith-Byrd	Y	Kimberly Tissot	N	Dee Curran, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Ann-Marie Dwyer	N	Jerri Davison	N	Samantha Kriegshauser, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Sheila Chavis	N	Robbie Kopp	N	Russell Rhodes, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Vikki Rumph	N			Elizabeth Krauss, <i>Georgetown DSN Board</i>	Y
Jenny Lynch	N	AccessAbility	Y/N	Ralph Courtney, <i>Aiken DSN Board/Tri-Development Center</i>	N
Bryan Kost	N	Julia Martinelli	N	Tyler Rex, <i>Anderson DSN Board</i>	N
SCDDSN	Y/N			Margie Williamson, <i>The Arc of SC</i>	Y
Beverly Buscemi	N	Walton Options	Y/N		
Susan Beck	Y	Tiffany Johnston	N		
Janet Priest	N	Cyndy Milstead-Anzek	N	Beneficiaries/Families	Y/N
Dave Goodell	Y			Tracie Hayward	N
Tom Waring	N	Federation of Families	Y/N	Angela Greene	N
Ben Orner	Y	Belinda Pearson - Barber	N	Bill Welch	Y
Ann Dalton	Y			Ebony DeLoach	N
		AARP	Y/N	Mary Tutterow	N
		Coretta Bedsole	N		

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Agenda			
No.	Topic	Owner	References/handouts
1.	Welcome	Kelly Eifert	
2.	Workgroup Updates: Waiver Renewals Conflict Free Case Management Person-centered planning	Leads	
3.	Statewide Transition Plan and CMS deadline	Kelly Eifert & Cassidy Evans	
4.	Settings site visits ADHC's PCG	Kelly Eifert & Cassidy Evans	
5.	General Updates	All	

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Workgroup Updates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Waiver Renewals:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ID/RD waiver was officially renewed on May 25, 2017 with an effective date of Jan. 1, 2017, expiring on Dec. 31, 2021. ○ The Community Support (CS) Waiver is under IRAI (informal request for additional information) status right now and SCDHHS is working on that information for CMS> ○ CLTC is in the process of preparing the Mechanical Ventilator Dependent waiver for renewal. It expires November 30, 2017. There are no significant changes to the service package; primarily updating the language in the waiver document. The goal is post for public notice and comment by mid-July. ○ PDD waiver has been approved for termination by CMS as we transition to ASD state plan services. Referrals will no longer be taken for the PDD waiver. • <u>Conflict Free Case Management:</u> The transition plan for CFCM was in the ID/RD waiver and now that the waiver was renewed, we can move forward with implementing the plan (Individual Choice Model). The transition will occur over a three (3) year time period, but no deadlines or dates have been established yet as to when that will begin. A date also needs to be established for when new waiver participants will automatically come into a conflict –free system. It is important that in this process, a person’s freedom of choice is protected and that provider agencies/organizations are not making

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		<p>agreements to “trade” participants. Please feel free to reach out to Cassidy, Kelly or SCDDSN for any technical assistance on this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Person-centered planning</u>: Workgroup will meet on Wed. 6/7 at 2 p.m.; location TBD. Working on website content development of person-centered resources, primarily for waiver participants and families. Would like to add resources for Case Managers – please send suggestions to Kelly.
2.	Statewide Transition Plan and CMS deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS issued a letter on May 9 that extended the deadline for compliance with the HCBS rule to March 17, 2022. SCDHHS will be meeting internally to establish what deadlines we will set along that timeline so that we can meet full compliance by then. To note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This does not mean we stop moving forward with our process and changes. States asked CMS for more time because this process takes time – so now we have it. We must use it wisely and that means keep moving forward with changes, assessments, etc. so that we can thoughtfully implement the necessary changes to the best benefit of our waiver participants. ○ This only applies to settings as they were the only part of the regulation to receive a transition period. Person-centered planning and conflict-free case management were to be implemented in 2014. They do not get a transition period. ○ We still want to finish the settings assessments in 2017 so that we can utilize the remaining time to make the settings compliant. This could help us also avoid having to use the Heightened Scrutiny process • This change, along with updates on changes to our systemic processes, will necessitate some updates for the Statewide Transition Plan. Kelly will be reaching out in the next month to key partners to get status updates on where we are with the systems changes that needed to be made (regulations, policies, procedures, etc.) so we can update our Milestones for CMS. If this requires public notice, we will let you know.
3.	Settings site visits PCG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ADHC’s</u>: Site visits continue and providers are receiving their results within two weeks (typically). Every provider so far has completed a Compliance Action Plan to move forward with necessary changes for HCBS compliance. These are reviewed by CLTC staff. Only a handful have not responded and they will no longer receive new referrals. Two primary areas of concern have been:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Plans of Care – the need to incorporate the waiver participant’s goals for attending adult day health care (beyond just the medical); needs a person-centered approach○ Programmatic changes – the activities and schedules need more waiver participant input and feedback and should certainly be a robust activity schedule. These are changes that are in line with SCDHEC’s definition of Adult Day Care Services: <i>Activities and therapies offered in a Day Care Facility for Adults through an individualized plan of care which sets forth measurable goals or behaviorally stated objectives, with such services being designed to activate, motivate, and retrain impaired or other categories of adults to enable them to sustain or regain functional independence. (emphasis added)</i>● <u>PCG site visits</u>: Site visits continue and we continue to work with both PCG staff and providers to optimize the site visit process to obtain the information we need.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ PCG has experienced some “no-show” issues with settings, despite appointments being made 2 weeks in advance and a reminder call made 1 week in advance. We remind providers to make sure and communicate to all necessary staff (house managers, direct support professionals, CTH I contract staff, etc.) to be present for the site visit and that it is required. We also remind providers that waiver participants are not required to be interviewed – it is voluntary on their part. SCDHHS definitely wants their feedback but do not want them to miss work. They are also not required to miss work be interviewed. PCG staff can certainly conduct the assessment (particularly in a residence) and then arrange to interview the participant (if they work at a Day Program/WAC/AAC) on a short break so they do not miss work (if the participant agrees). PCG is also working on scheduling some of the residences for later in the afternoon to avoid this issue. With over 1100 residential settings, and an early December 2017, it is challenging and it won’t always be the most optimal times, but it must get done.○ SCDHHS and SCDDSN are working on the details of the settings review process and want it to be more comprehensive. The setting review may include the PCG
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		Assessment, the self-assessment, licensing reviews, and contract compliance reviews. Once the process is finalized, we will share that with providers. We anticipate holding a webinar to review this information in late June- we will keep you posted as details develop.
4.	General updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From DD Council: The presidential budget was released and in it, the budgets for DD Councils, Centers for Independent Living (CILS) and the Brain Injury Council were eliminated (estimated \$150 – 200 million combined). Proposed instead is to combine all three groups with an overall budget of approximately \$40 million. The budget is not finalized and we will keep you posted on any updates.

Action Items			
No.	Action Item	Owner	Target Completion Date
1.	Updates on CFCM timelines as they develop	Cassidy	Ongoing
2.	Update on STP updates and potential public notice	Kelly	Ongoing
3.	Provider webinar on site visit assessment process	Kelly/Cassidy	TBD

Next Meeting: July 6, 2017 (*email update only*)

Future Meetings/Email Updates:

- August 3, 2017
- September 7, 2017
- October 5, 2017
- November 2, 2017
- December 7, 2017