

Meeting Minutes

Healthy Connections Communities: HCBS Rule Workgroup

Subject	Monthly Meeting	Date/Time	August 3, 2017 /10 AM – 11:30 AM		
Location	DHHS Jefferson Square, J7 Conference Room				
Connection Info	Phone: Please choose the access number local to you: 803-726-9796 864-908-3279 843-737-7035 Code 608732#				
Attendees					
SCDHHS	Y/N	Lt. Gov. Office on Aging	Y/N	Protection & Advocacy	Y/N
Peter Liggett	N	Dale Watson	N	Gloria Prevost	N
Kelly Eifert	Y	Tammy Keller	Y	Nancy McCormick	Y
Scott Tanner	Y	Legislature	Y/N		
Michelle Abney	Y	Ryan Burnaugh	N	Family Connection of SC	Y/N
Jennifer Robinson	N	Angie Willis	N	Amy Holbert	N
Catrena Britton	N	SC Vocational Rehabilitation		Shannon Staley	N
Sonia Wright	N	Neal Getsinger	N	Kathryn Padgett	N
George Maky	N	Jacob Chorey	Y	Providers	Y/N
Cindy Pedersen	N			Joy Jay, <i>Mental Health America</i>	N
Lisa Ragland	Y	DMH	Y/N	Anne Connor-Schisler, <i>Aging with Flair</i>	N
Vanessa Busbee	N	Ligia Latiff-Bolet	N	Dee Curran, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Tony Matthews	Y	Melba Arthur	Y	Lisa Huskey, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Sherry Everett	N	Center for Disabilities Resources	Y/N	Samantha Kriegshauser, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
LaToya Brown	N	David Rotholz	N	Russell Rhodes, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Alexis Martin	Y	Meghan Trowbridge	N	Lynn Stockman, <i>Newberry Co. Council on Aging</i>	N
Terrell McMorris	N			Barbara Wright, <i>Helping Hands</i>	Y
Candice Smith-Byrd	Y	SC Developmental Disabilities Council	Y/N	Brad Beasley, <i>United Cerebral Palsy</i>	N
Ann-Marie Dwyer	N	Valarie Bishop	N	John Cocciolone, <i>Thrive Upstate</i>	Y
Lara Sheehi	N	Reyhan Miller	Y	Ralph Courtney, <i>Aiken DSN Board/Tri-Development Center</i>	Y
Sheila Chavis	N	Able SC	Y/N	Susan John, <i>Horry Co. DSN Board</i>	N
Vikki Rumph	N	Kimberly Tissot	N	Judy Johnson, <i>Babcock Center</i>	Y
Jenny Stirling	N	Jerri Davison	N	Elizabeth Krauss, <i>Georgetown DSN Board</i>	Y
Bryan Kost	N	Robbie Kopp	Y	Mary Poole, <i>York DSN Board</i>	Y
Laytavia Watson	Y			Tyler Rex, <i>Anderson DSN Board</i>	N
Mona Sechrest	Y	AccessAbility	Y/N	Terry Rogers, <i>CHESCO Services</i>	N
		Julia Martinelli	N	Evelyn Turner, <i>Charleston DSN Board</i>	N
SCDDSN	Y/N			Margie Williamson, <i>The Arc of SC</i>	Y
Beverly Buscemi	N	Walton Options	Y/N	Diane Wilush, <i>United Cerebral Palsy</i>	N
Susan Beck	Y	Tiffany Johnston	N	Kristen Cutri, <i>Helping Hands</i>	Y
Janet Priest	N	Cyndy Milstead-Anzek	Y	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
Lynn Lugo	N			Ebony DeLoach	N
Ann Dalton	Y	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 Person-centered planning	Leads	
3.	Statewide Transition Plan, CMS deadline, and Milestone updates	Kelly Eifert	
4.	Settings site visits ADHC's PCG	Kelly Eifert	
5.	Conflict Free Case Management	Kelly Eifert	
6.	General Updates	All	

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Workgroup Updates	<p><u>Waiver Renewals:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mechanical Ventilator Dependent (Vent) Waiver is in public notice right now for its renewal. Webinar will be held on August 9 to review the renewal. MCAC presentation will be on August 29. Only substantial change is that the additional prescription benefit will be removed because the state plan prescription benefit covers all necessary prescriptions. Public notice and registration for the webinar can be found here. HASCI waiver is in the renewal process right now. Staff are currently planning public input meetings. Anticipated changes include the prescription benefit change (as done in the Vent waiver) and some language matching with the ID/RD waiver. <p><u>Person-centered planning:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website is 90% complete; making final edits now. Site will continue to be updated. Check out site here Will be applying for funding opportunities to fund videos of waiver participants talking about their experience with the planning process (one per waiver). Meant to be an educational tool for other waiver participants.

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2.	Statewide Transition Plan, CMS deadline, and Milestone updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS issued each state a Milestone document, based on their Statewide Transition Plan (STP), that is designed to help states stay on track in meeting deadlines as they move toward compliance and is a mechanism for CMS to hold states accountable for forward progress. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kelly will be updating the Milestone document by the end of August to provide more accurate deadlines of when changes will occur (systemic policy/standards/directive changes, site visits, etc). ○ She is gathering information from the program areas and DDSN on their progress to help complete the Milestone document. ○ She will ask if these changes, which will also need to be made in the STP, will require public notice. • As stated in earlier updates, CMS issued an extension of the HCBS deadline for the settings criteria until March 2022. It is important to note that this applies only to HCBS settings as they were the only part of the regulation that had a transition period. All other requirements (person-centered planning and conflict-free case management) were (and still are) to be in place effective March 17, 2014. Kelly will be sending out information, once finalized with leadership, about how South Carolina intends to use the extra time. It is anticipated to be sent out late August/early September.
3.	Settings site visits	<p><u>Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) settings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly has completed 42 site visits to date • Each setting gets a full review and instructions for completing a Compliance Action Plan indicating how the setting will make the needed changes to come into compliance with HCBS requirements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One full review is pending; all others are complete <p><u>PCG Site visits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are completing site visits of all DDSN contracted providers • They are about half-way done with visits • DHHS and DDSN are still working together on a process for reviewing the data and making a determination on the level of compliance for settings. They want to make sure the feedback is meaningful for providers to help them make the needed changes for compliance.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHHS, in the meantime, will issue a global report this month on what has been noted so far systemically so that providers can use that to begin making changes. It will be done by setting type. Another global analysis will be sent out once all of the settings are complete. • DHHS and DDSN will work on sending out information by provider as it is complete (not waiting and sending it out once it is all done).
4.	Conflict Free Case Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of the ID/RD waiver renewal was including a plan to comply with the conflict of interest requirement in the HCBS regulations. SCDHHS submitted that plan and CMS approved it. • Next steps: DHHS and DDSN will meet to plan out the implementation of this plan, including developing actual dates for the timeline in the plan and other needed details. Part of this implementation planning will include getting public input, particularly from providers, families and waiver participants, on what will be needed to help move this forward. Information will be sent out as it is developed. • It was recommended that as new waiver participants come into the system, it would be best to go ahead and have them be in a conflict free system so that providers will not have to transition them at a later date.
5.	General Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From DD Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ACL has been working on a proposal based on the federal budget that combined the funding for DD Councils, Independent Living, and Brain Injury Councils: Innovation, Inclusion and Independence (P3I). It is in public comment period right now. The House and the Senate are working on their budgets; the hope is that they will instead approve level funding for DD Councils instead of funding the P3I proposal (that would require legislative change to move forward). Won't see any movement until September at the earliest for FY18 (which begins Oct. 1). • SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department – Commissioner Neal Getsinger has retired; Interim Commissioner is Felicia Johnson.

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Action Items			
No.	Action Item	Owner	Target Completion Date
1.	Global analysis of PCG site visit data	Kelly	Aug. 31, 2017
2.	Update on STP – public notice needed?	Kelly	Sept. 7, 2017
3.	Update on CMS deadline extension	Kelly	Sept. 7, 2017
4.	Update on CFCM – public input opportunities	Scott/DDSN	Sept. 7, 2017 (<i>tent.</i>)

Next Meeting: September 7, 2017

Future Meetings/Email Updates:

October 5, 2017
November 2, 2017
December 7, 2017