

Meeting Minutes

Healthy Connections Communities: HCBS Rule Workgroup

Subject	Monthly Meeting	Date/Time	August 4, 2016 /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: 987437#				
Attendees					
SC HHS	Y/N	Lt. Gov. Office on Aging	Y/N	Protection & Advocacy	Y/N
Peter Liggett	N	J. Yancey McGill	N	Gloria Prevost	Y
Kelly Eifert	Y			Nancy McCormick	N
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	N	SC Vocational Rehabilitation		Shannon Staley	N
Anita Atwood	N	Neal Getsinger	N	Kathryn Padgett	Y
Julie Cook	Y	Jacob Chorey	Y	Providers	Y/N
Catrena Britton	N			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>	Y
Belinda Adams	N	Beverly Buscemi	N	Rick Magner, <i>Charleston DSN Board</i>	Y
Sherry Everett	Y	Susan Beck	Y	Judy Johnson, <i>Babcock Center</i>	Y
Tony Matthews	N	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
Ann-Marie Dwyer	N	Tom Waring	N	John Cocciolone, <i>Thrive Upstate</i>	Y
Alexis Martin	N			Craig Byrd, <i>Thrive Upstate</i>	Y
				Terry Rogers, <i>CHESCO Services</i>	N
Terrell McMorris	N	AARP	Y/N	Anne Connor-Schisler, <i>Aging with Flair</i>	N
Vivian McCray	N	Coretta Bedsole	N	Dee Curran, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Sheila Chavis	N			Samantha Kriegshauser, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Vikki Rumph	Y	Federation of Families	Y/N	Russell Rhodes, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Jenny Lynch	N	Belinda Pearson - Barber	N	Elizabeth Krauss, <i>Georgetown DSN Board</i>	N
Bryan Kost	N			Ralph Courtney, <i>Aiken DSN Board/Tri-Development Center</i>	N
		SC Developmental Disabilities Council	Y/N	Tyler Rex, <i>Anderson DSN Board</i>	N
		Valarie Bishop	N	Margie Williamson, <i>The Arc</i>	Y
Center for Disabilities Resources	Y/N	Reyhan Miller	Y	Elaine Thena, <i>Pickens DSN Board</i>	Y
				Thoyd Warren, <i>Sumter DSN Board</i>	Y
David Rotholz	N			Beneficiaries/Families	Y/N
Meghan Trowbridge	N	SC ABLE	Y/N	Tracie Hayward	N
		Kimberly Tissot	N	Angela Greene	N
		Jerri Davison	N	Bill Welch	N
		Robbie Kopf	Y	Ebony DeLoach	Y

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Agenda			
No.	Topic	Owner	References/handouts
1.	Welcome	Cassidy Evans	
2.	Workgroup Updates: ID/RD Waiver Renewal PRIME waiver amendments CLTC waiver renewals Person-centered planning	Leads	
3.	Statewide Transition Plan update	Kelly Eifert & Cassidy Evans	
4.	SC Unified State Plan under WIOA update	Jacob Chorey	
5.	Discussion – TAC report		Sent via email
6.	General Updates	Cassidy Evans & Kelly Eifert	

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Workgroup Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ID/RD Waiver Renewal PRIME waiver amendments CLTC waiver renewals Person-centered planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>ID/RD renewal</u>: DHHS is in process of responding to the Request for Additional Information (RAI) from CMS on the wavier renewal application. <u>PRIME waiver amendments</u>: These were approved by CMS in June and Phase 2 of PRIME is underway <u>CLTC waiver renewals</u>: CMS sent informal RAIs on the renewals in late May/early June. CLTC submitted responses on June 22 to CMS. CLTC is waiting for further feedback from CMS <u>Person-centered planning</u>: The group members participated in a training on person-centered thinking and planning the last week of July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next steps include reviewing other states' information to provide feedback to program areas and how this group can be utilized in the development of future training and educational opportunities
2.	Statewide Transition Plan update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STP was submitted to CMS on March 31, 2016 CMS sent lengthy feedback in late June with a follow up phone call on July 15

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CMS focused significantly on our systemic review and remediation – gave much more detailed feedback on the information they want and how they want it formatted ○ While our state does not technically have any barriers to becoming compliant, the HCBS standards really need to be infused into our state standards (regulations, policies, directives, manuals, etc) ● SCDHHS has been participating in “Small Group State TA” to assist in further refinement of the STP (total of 4 sessions) ● SCDHHS is reformatting the STP based on feedback and the TA to make it easier to read and easier to find information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Systemic Assessment will become a very detailed crosswalk with all information located in one place, and only general information in the narrative of the document ○ Appendices C-I will be online only – links will be provided directly in the document ● The STP will go through a Public Notice and Comment period, Aug. 17 – Oct. 7, 2016. We will host a webinar and 9 in-person public meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Webinar link: http://www.familyconnectionsc.org/training-connection/ ○ Once the public meetings are set, we will send out that information ● Providers should move forward now with incorporating the HCBS standards/language into their own policies (especially residential providers as those standards are straightforward).
3.	SC Unified State Plan under WIOA update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Was submitted for review ● Other departments “substantially approved” it, but more details are needed regarding benchmarks and timelines ● The regulations were released in June with an effective date of July 1 ● Many questions asked: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Since the state is still in transition, what do providers do with individuals who are currently

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		<p>working for sub-minimum wage? And what do providers do with new referrals for Day Services? Do they turn them down? Providers do not want to be out of compliance, but the steps are currently unclear.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was noted that DDSN has a call scheduled with SCVRD today to clarification on these issues. ○ Another question –can we ask SCVRD about IEPs and a transition plan (for individuals). ○ Also – if people are currently getting minimum wage, is this still applicable? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jacob will also do some follow up on these questions
4.	TAC Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gloria stated she wanted everyone to be aware of the report and its findings and to use the information to inform us as we move forward with HCBS compliance
5.	General Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mary Poole shared that she attended a conference this past week where HCBS was a favorite topic. Also noted that the conference positioned direct providers as the “bad guys” and was glad that was not the case in SC ● Cassidy noted that the HCBS site visits would be on hold during the STP public notice period and would resume once that time was complete. ● Next meeting – Email update as we will be at the HCBS conference in DC. We will be sure to share what we learned!

Action Items			
No.	Action Item	Owner	Target Completion Date
1.	STP Public notice meeting information	Kelly	ASAP
2.	Follow up on SC Unified Plan & WIOA questions	Jacob/DDSN	Sept. 1
3.	HCBS conference information sharing	HCBS Attendees	Oct. 6

Next Meeting/Update: September 1, 2016: **Email update! Attending HCBS Conference**

Future Meetings/Email Updates:

- October 6, 2016
- November 3, 2016
- December 1, 2016