

Meeting Minutes

Healthy Connections Communities: HCBS Rule Workgroup

Subject	Monthly Meeting	Date/Time	Sept. 3, 2020/10 AM – 11:00 AM
Location	Webex		
Connection Info	Link: Join meeting Meeting number: 131 972 3400 Phone: 1-415-655-0001 Access Code: 131 972 3400 Meeting Password: QWfNTR47Qf7		
Attendees			
Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Kelly Eifert	SCDHHS	Meghan Trowbridge	Center for Disability Resources
Sherry Everett	SCDHHS	Suhad Saadeh	Center for Disability Resources
Lisa Ragland	SCDHHS		
Mark Collins	SCDHHS	Valarie Bishop	SC Dev. Disabilities Council
Ronica Tolliver	SCDHHS		
Janet Rodriguez	SCDHHS	Beth Franco	Protection & Advocacy
Angela Pauline	SCDHHS		
Alexis Martin	SCDHHS	Melissa Snyder	Able South Carolina
Tiffany Brown	SCDHHS		
Margaret Alewine	SCDHHS	Cyndy Anzek	Walton Options
Lawrence Glasscho	SCDHHS		
Allison Shumpert	SCDHHS	Nikki Hutchison	AARP
April Allen	SCDHHS		
Michelle Abney	SCDHHS	Donna Hall	Babcock Center
Catrena Britton	SCDHHS	Joseph Thomas	Babcock Center
Anika Robinson	SCDHHS	Richard Cummings	Babcock Center
Milton German	SCDHHS	Gregory Lintinger	Babcock Center
Janice Bailiff	SCDHHS	Kelly Bryson	Babcock Center
Gad Nziramakenga	SCDHHS	Suzy Moore	Babcock Center
		Beth Ann Maddox	Babcock Center
Susan Beck	SCDDSN	Margie Williamson	The Arc of South Carolina
Janet Priest	SCDDSN		
Ann Dalton	SCDDSN		
Ebony DeLoach	Self-Advocate, IMPACT SC		
Kathryn Padgett	Family Connection SC		
Tammy Keller	Dept. on Aging		
Dale Watson	Dept. on Aging		
Rey Miller	SCVRD		
Lynelle Reavis	SCDMH		

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Agenda		
No.	Topic	References/handouts
1.	Welcome, Introductions	
2.	SCDHHS COVID-19 Resources	
3.	HCBS Updates: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) implementation extension	CMS State Medicaid Director Letter dated July 14, 2020
4.	HCBS Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings	
5.	General Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community of Practice for Educators, Transition Professionals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sept. 23, 2020 ○ 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. ○ Information and registration here • Virtual Disability Benefits & Employment Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sept. 24, 2020 ○ 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. ○ Information and registration here • Engaging the Untapped Workforce Employer training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sept. 29, 2020 ○ 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. ○ Information and registration here 	Flyers for these events attached in email with agenda

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	SCDHHS COVID-19 Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See slide deck for SCDHHS resources regarding COVID-19
2.	HCBS Updates: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) implementation extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See slide deck for general information • Slides include new CMS deadlines for full HCBS compliance, heightened scrutiny submissions • CMS State Medicaid Director Letter dated July 14, 2020
3.	HCBS Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See slide deck for general information, including new CMS deadlines for heightened scrutiny submissions • Providers can continue to submit information/evidence packages for settings in this process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information can be sent to Janet Priest at SCDDSN

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4.	General Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community of Practice for Educators, Transition Professionals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sept. 23, 2020 ○ 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. ○ Information and registration here ● Virtual Disability Benefits & Employment Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sept. 24, 2020 ○ 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. ○ Information and registration here ● Engaging the Untapped Workforce Employer training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sept. 29, 2020 ○ 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. ○ Information and registration here ● Ebony Deloach shared that she has a new job with the Red Cross; it is temporary but hopes it will become long-term ● From Family Connection: as students return to school, please note Family Connection is available as a resource for parents to help navigate concerns accessing needed resources for their children given the public health emergency. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Website (specific for education): https://www.familyconnections.org/education/ ○ Phone number: 1-800-578-8750 (English) ○ Phone number: 1-888-808-7462 (Para Español) ● From Protection & Advocacy (P & A): They have a Question and Answer (Q &A) document on their website for parents who may have questions about special education services as well; have been working with Family Connection as a resource as well a the Office of Special Education Services at the SC Department of Education (SCDE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Link to Q & A document: https://www.pandasc.org/questions-and-answers-on-covid-19-and-2020-2021-special-education-in-public-school/ ○ P & A may also be putting together webinars for parents ○ Recommended that if parents have issues, first talk with their school district special education coordinator. If parents need more help, please contact P & A and/or Family Connection

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family Connection noted that they can walk parents through the process ahead of time to help them navigate better. ● Other special education/school-related resources from partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Centers for Independent Living have youth transition specialists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Able South Carolina (Contact youthteam@able-sc.org) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Virtual Youth Support Services: To adapt with school closures during the COVID-19 outbreak, the SC Department of Education has funded Able SC to provide an array of virtual youth support services, including: self-paced lessons for high school students, lessons for students exiting high school, social-emotional learning for elementary students, online peer mentoring, yoga and mindfulness, and one-on-one support ▪ Accessibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● info@abilitysc.org ● Phone: 843-225-5080 ▪ Walton Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact Beth Giddens at bgiddens@waltonoptions.org
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Action Items			
No.	Action Item	Owner	Target Completion Date
1.	Send meeting invite for Oct. meeting	Kelly	9/8/2020

Next Meeting: Oct. 1, 2020

Future Meetings/Email Updates:

Nov. 5, 2020

Dec. 3, 2020