

Meeting Minutes

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Subject	Monthly Meeting	Date/Time	July 3, 2014 /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: 367193 #				
Attendees					
SC HHS	Y/N	SC HHS	Y/N	Protection & Advocacy	Y/N
Peter Liggett	Y			Gloria Prevost	Y
Kelly Eifert	Y			Nancy McCormick	Y
Lara Sheehi	N	Legislature	Y/N		
Cassidy Evans	Y	Tim Rogers	N	Family Connections	Y/N
Rick Hepfer	N			Amy Nienhuis	Y
George Maky	N	SC Vocational Rehabilitation		Kathryn Padgett	N
Kara Wagoner-Lewis	Y	Barbara Hollis	N	Christy Sears	Y
Anita Atwood	N	Linda Lieser	Y		
Tenessa Bell-Wilson	Y			Providers	Y/N
Cindy Pedersen	N	DMH	Y/N	Joy Jay, <i>Mental Health America</i>	N
Lisa Ragland	Y	Ligia Latiff-Bolet	N	Phil Emory, <i>Gateway</i>	Y
Belinda Adams	N			Barbara Wright, <i>Helping Hands</i>	Y
Sherry Everett	Y	DDSN	Y/N	Lynn Stockman, <i>Newberry County Council on Aging</i>	N
Tony Matthews	Y	Beverly Buscemi	N	Mary Poole, <i>York DSN Board</i>	Y
Vanessa Busbee	N	Susan Beck	Y	Rick Magner, <i>Charleston DSN Board</i>	Y
AnnMarie Dwyer	N	Janet Priest	Y	Judy Johnson, <i>Babcock Center</i>	YY
Jennifer Gilmore	Y	Jacob Chorey	Y	Diane Wilush, <i>United Cerebral Palsy</i>	N
Adam Hiers	Y	Dave Goodell	Y	Brad Beasley, <i>United Cerebral Palsy</i>	N
Vivian McCray	N	Tom Waring	N	John Cocciolone, <i>Greenville DSN Board</i>	N
Alexis Martin	Y			Terry Rogers, <i>CHESCO Services</i>	Y
Russell Morrison	Y	AARP	Y/N	Anne Connor-Schisler, <i>Aging with Flair</i>	N
Sheila Chavis	N	Coretta Bedsole	N	Dee Curran, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	Y
Eddy Perez	Y			Samantha Kriegshauser, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
				Russell Rhodes, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	Y

Agenda			
No.	Topic	Owner	References/handouts
1.	Welcome, Introductions	Kelly Eifert	
2.	Workgroup Updates	Leads	
3.	Transition Plan - review	Kelly Eifert	

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4.	General Updates	All	
5.	Tasks for this month		
6.	Agenda for next meeting	Kelly Eifert	

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Workgroup Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Waiver Renewal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Met 6/16/14; will be meeting every 2 weeks ○ Tribal Notification sent out on June 5 and 23 (new contact) ○ Tribal phone conference occurred on 6/25 ○ MCAC information provided on 6/24 ahead of 7/8 MCAC meeting ○ Next meeting scheduled for 7/14 @ 3 p.m. • <u>Day/Res Facilities:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Met on 6/23 ○ Goal – to draft two assessments: one for residential facilities (based on CMS guidance, other state examples) and one for day facilities (based on current CMS guidance – and once day facility guidance is provided) ○ Has examples from Kansas, Florida, and one other state ○ Want to complete the drafts by mid-August ○ Next meeting on 7/14 @ 9 a.m. • <u>PRIME Amendments:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amendment for Community Choices waiver complete (written) ○ Working on amendments for HIV/AIDS and Mechanical Ventilator waivers next week ○ In the timeline of development, has included MCAC schedule and will provide updates at either the September or October meeting • <u>Communications:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Met 7/2 to discuss developing a website specific to HCBS Rule for Providers and Beneficiaries; will start that content development next week ○ Want to include a comment section on website for folks to submit questions/comments on the Rule; will develop FAQ's based on those ○ Will also include an Events/calendar page to detail when public forums will be ○ Planning public forums in coordination with DDSN and with

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		<p>Family Connections to reach out to all beneficiaries across the state – in the early planning stages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pete added that if your organization or agency hosts a forum or meeting on the HCBS Rule, please let Kelly know (time, date, location, # of people in attendance) so we can track that for CMS purposes. ▪ Also – if you want DHHS to be at your public forum/meeting, please let us know and we will try to get someone there! ▪ Most important, any feedback you get from those forums or meetings, please do share with Kelly or Cassidy Evans so we can know what is being asked, what the concerns are, etc. and respond as appropriate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Also working on content development for a brochure for beneficiaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>1915 (i)</u>: Have been coordinating the membership of this group with another 1915 (i) group and plan to send out meeting invitations/planning next week. <p><u>Long Term Goals</u> – No meeting yet</p>
2.	General Updates/Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Webinar hosted by the National Council on Aging on the HCBS Rule – find the slides and the audio (or transcript) here: http://www.ncoa.org/calendar-of-events/implementation-of-the-home.html ○ Presenters from CMS, Administration for Community Living (ACL)– Center for Disability and Aging Policy, National Senior Citizens Law Center, and Association of University Centers on Disabilities ○ ACL supposed to put out guidance on Person-Centered Planning that ties in the HCBS Rule and the Affordable Care Act – not out there yet ● Mercer hosted a webinar on 6/27 on the HCBS Rule. There were a lot of technical issues with the presentation, so it did not provide any immediate benefits, and no information was shared that we have not heard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Slides have been requested; Kelly will share them once she gets them ○ One item to note – it was stated that CMS wants to be collaborative with the states in this process of Transition Planning. They realize they have not given enough guidance, so they will work with the states on their plans. ○ Did say to coordinate the timing of any waiver renewals or

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		<p>amendments with the submission of the Full Transition Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item for the committee – we still need beneficiary participation on this group. If SCDHHS can help facilitate that with transportation, mileage, a stipend for caregivers/attendants, etc – that would help that. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Palmetto Coordinate System of Care (PCSC) does something like that for their workgroup ○ Kelly will investigate the financial assistance piece ○ Kelly challenged those at the table to think of beneficiaries who would be good participants for the group and to let her know if they wanted to participate, or meet individually to explain the goal and function of the workgroup • Discussion on the lack of information being provided by CMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How do we handle this? Will have to do a lot of work/negotiation with CMS on what we include in our plan and how to implement it ○ Question on – what happens if CMS approves our plan and a few years into it, it is not working as expected? What happens? We don't know, but we may have a better picture by then of CMS' expectations ○ Still no clue/rumor/anything on when to expect the Day facility guidance (Kelly has posed this question to CMS and will share once she gets an answer). Pete shared that what he has told folks is that if Day providers are providing opportunities for individuals to do different things (individualized approach), then they are probably ok. If your schedule or structure is very cookie-cutter for your facility and the individuals in it, then that will be challenging as that will most likely need correction. ○ Important note – this rule applies to All States who have Medicaid Home and Community Based Services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pete encourage the group to think broadly about that – not necessarily just waiver services, but if there are State Plan services designed to keep people out of institutions, those could be considered home and community based. ○ Comment on the hardest part of this HCBS Rule – Integration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pete – we need to define what that is; what is appropriate integration; won't be the same for every beneficiary ○ Also important – Choice for beneficiaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is critical that choices by beneficiaries are <i>informed</i>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People who tell beneficiaries about their choices (like a case manager) must be able to explain what the choices are and what they mean ▪ Need to think also beyond what current choices exist to what else might be possible. Example – beneficiary may not choose Adult Day Health Care – but if offer them the opportunity to try it out first, that is an informed choice. ▪ If could do the same for residential, that would be great ▪ Of concern – individualizing choice, from a provider’s perspective, includes having staff to do it (good staff) and to do it well. How do we factor in cost for this? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family perspectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The sooner we can let families know what is going to happen, the better. We want to allay any fears of services going away. ○ Let them know what we do – and be honest when we don’t. ○ Let them know what their choices are and what they can still do ○ Get their feedback on what integration means; on what choices could be offered or what they want to see ○ Agrees with letting families and beneficiaries participate in this workgroup and Family Connections is willing to help facilitate that how they can ○ Develop some FAQ’s based on their questions and concerns
3.	Tasks for the month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiver renewal – keep moving forward; Kelly will work with Anita to put some content on the Waiver Transition Plan draft • Facilities – work on assessment drafts • Communications – work on website content, brochure content, start planning public forums • PRIME – work on amendments for HIV/AIDS and Mechanical Ventilator • 1915 (i) – schedule initial meeting(s) • Coordinate inclusion of beneficiaries on Workgroup
4.	Agenda for next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide draft of Waiver renewal(s) transition plan for comment/discussion

Action Items			
No.	Action Item	Owner	Target Completion Date
1.	Work on content for waiver renewal transition plan for next meeting	Anita Atwood/Kelly Eifert	8/7/14

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2.	Complete draft of Residential and Day facilities assessment	Russell Morrison/Jacob Chorey	8/15/14
3.	Develop website for HCBS Rule	Kelly Eifert & Communications Groups	7/31/14
4.	Schedule 1915 (i) group meeting	Ann-Marie Dwyer	7/15/14

Next Meeting: August 7, 2014, DHHS Jefferson Square, J11 Conference Room