

Meeting Minutes

Healthy Connections Communities: HCBS Rule Workgroup

Subject	Monthly Meeting	Date/Time	October 1, 2015 /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: 636460#				
Attendees					
SC HHS	Y/N	Lt. Gov. Office on Aging	Y/N	Protection & Advocacy	Y/N
Peter Liggett	Y	J. Yancey McGill	N	Gloria Prevost	Y
Kelly Eifert	Y			Nancy McCormick	Y
Lara Sheehi	N	Legislature	Y/N		
Cassidy Evans	Y	Ryan Burnaugh	N	Family Connections	Y/N
George Maky	N	Angie Willis	N	Amy Holbert	N
Kara Wagoner-Lewis	N	SC Vocational Rehabilitation		Kathryn Padgett	N
Anita Atwood	Y	Barbara Hollis	N	Shannon Staley	Y
Julie Cook	Y	Linda Lieser	N	Providers	Y/N
Catrena Britton	Y	Jacob Chorey	Y	Joy Jay, <i>Mental Health America</i>	N
Sonia Wright	N	DMH	Y/N	Phil Emory, <i>Gateway</i>	Y
Cindy Pedersen	N	Ligia Latiff-Bolet	Y	Barbara Wright, <i>Helping Hands</i>	N
Lisa Ragland	Y			Lynn Stockman, <i>Newberry County Council on Aging</i>	N
Belinda Adams	N	DDSN	Y/N	Mary Poole, <i>York DSN Board</i>	Y
Sherry Everett	N	Beverly Buscemi	N	Rick Magner, <i>Charleston DSN Board</i>	Y
Tony Matthews	Y	Susan Beck	N	Judy Johnson, <i>Babcock Center</i>	Y
Vanessa Busbee	N	Janet Priest	N	Diane Wilush, <i>United Cerebral Palsy</i>	N
AnnMarie Dwyer	N	Dave Goodell	N	Brad Beasley, <i>United Cerebral Palsy</i>	N
Jennifer Gilmore	Y	Tom Waring	Y	John Cocciolone, <i>Greenville DSN Board</i>	Y
Alexis Martin	Y	Ann Dalton	Y	Terry Rogers, <i>CHESCO Services</i>	Y
Russell Morrison	Y	AARP	Y/N	Anne Connor-Schisler, <i>Aging with Flair</i>	N
Vivian McCray	Y	Coretta Bedsole	Y	Dee Curran, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Terrell McMorris	Y			Samantha Kriegshauser, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	N
Sheila Chavis	Y	Federation of Families	Y/N	Russell Rhodes, <i>Adult Enrichment Centers</i>	Y
Vikki Rumph	N	Belinda Pearson - Barber	N	Dale Thompson, <i>Anderson DSN Board</i>	N
Jenny Lynch	N			Elizabeth Krauss, <i>Georgetown DSN Board</i>	N
Bryan Kost	N			Yvonne Gooding, <i>Georgetown DSN Board</i>	Y
				Donna Hall, <i>Babcock Center</i>	Y
		SC Developmental Disabilities Council	Y/N	Beneficiaries/Families	Y/N
		Valarie Bishop	Y	Tracie Hayward	N
		Reyhan Miller	Y	Angela Greene	N
				Bill Welch	N
		SC ABLE	Y/N		
		Kimberly Tissot	N		

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Agenda			
No.	Topic	Owner	References/handouts
1.	Welcome	Kelly Eifert	
2.	Workgroup Updates: ID/RD Waiver Renewal PRIME waiver amendments 1915 (i)	Leads	
3.	Statewide Transition Plan - review CMS Feedback Letter Revised STP Next steps	Kelly Eifert	CMS letter and revised STP sent in meeting reminder email
4.	General Updates TAC Site Visits Heightened Scrutiny – public input	Cassidy Evans	
5.	<u>Discussion:</u> CMS requires HCBS beneficiaries to have “non-disability specific settings” as an option from which to choose when deciding where to receive services. What are our options in South Carolina?	Kelly Eifert	

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Statewide Transition Plan (STP)– review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly walked through the STP requirements, CMS revisions required, and changes made to SC’s STP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CMS Letter and Revised STP emailed prior to meeting ○ Also found at: https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/statewide-transition-plan ○ Presentation emailed to workgroup right before the meeting (let Kelly know if you would like a copy and did not get it) ○ Information to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We are working on getting the policies revised at SCDHHS so that other agencies can do so as well (as appropriate) ▪ Independent site visits will occur at all Day settings ▪ Independent site visits will occur in a stratified random sample of provider’s residential setting types (all residential providers will have site visits

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – it will be a random sample of each residential setting type owned/operated by the provider) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heightened scrutiny site visits and determination will occur concurrently with the site visits ▪ Site visits anticipated to start in January 2016 ▪ All DDSN Day programs will go through the heightened scrutiny process ○ The STP will go through a public notice and comment period again once all site visits are finished and heightened scrutiny process for the state is complete to send to CMS. Kelly will keep the group apprised of this progress.
2.	Workgroup updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ID/RD Waiver renewal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SCDHHS received an extension on the renewal through 12/26/2015 ○ Working on the public comment summary now; will post on the SCDHHS website once done • PRIME/CLTC waiver amendments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HIV/AIDS, Community Choices, and Mechanical Ventilator waivers have been through the public notice and comment period (for amendments related to PRIME); should be submitted soon • 1915 (i) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Still determining the assessment tool for adults and working on the algorithm for that tool ○ Working with Mercer to finalize identifying service authorities for the identified services ○ Mercer is working to draft 1915 (i) and (c) • Person-centered planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The group is going to work on a draft SCDHHS policy on person-centered planning to present to SCDHHS leadership for review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It would include minimum training requirements (how much and for whom) ▪ It would be modeled after the CMS regulation language ○ The idea would be once a DHHS policy is in place, providers would create procedures that comply with policy but allow flexibility to meet the needs of their population ○ Concerns raised with making this work with current technology systems (Therap, Phoenix). This has been

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		<p>identified in the group and we will keep this in mind as we move forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group also drafting webpage on person-centered thinking and planning, including resources, to be put on the SCDHHS webpage (and HCBS webpage)
3.	<p>General Updates: TAC http://www.tacinc.org/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) working on two projects for SCDHHS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supported Housing Project (SHP) ○ HCBS standards in current residential settings ● TAC completed site visits to different residential settings in: <p>York, Anderson, Chester, Lancaster, Florence, Conway, Charleston, and Columbia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be drafting a report of their findings and presenting in November
4.	<p>General Updates: Heightened Scrutiny</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Heightened Scrutiny process designed to be a public process ● SCDHHS will (this fall) ask the public (beneficiaries, families, advocates, anyone) which settings they think SCDHHS should consider for heightened scrutiny ● All DDSN Day programs will go through the process ● SCDHHS will put together a list of required documentation/information providers will need as they go through this ● SCDHHS will let providers know they will undergo the heightened scrutiny process to help the providers prepare ● We will let this group know when the public input process will begin ● At this time, clubhouses serving individuals with mental health issues will not undergo the assessment or heightened scrutiny process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Once 1915 (i) is implemented, providers of those services will need to be compliant ○ Kelly stated that for providers who are not part of the current assessment process, it might be helpful for them to do a self-assessment on their own and determine where they might need to make changes
5.	<p>Discussion on SC options for non-disability specific settings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Question: CMS requires HCBS beneficiaries to have “non-disability specific settings” as an option from which to choose when deciding where to receive services. What are our options in South Carolina?

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Within the waivers, participants have choices with the services that are available (they can choose day activity or can choose employment)• Parents want a choice that provides health safety, and accountability• Question is – do participants have choices to receive those services in settings that are not disability specific?• It does not appear we have that in SC<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Funding and legislative mandate dictates what it is you do• What does a non-disability specific setting look like?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ CMS defines it as a setting that “is not limited to people with the same or similar types of disabilities.”¹• Kelly shared an idea that another provider in Maine is doing: www.kfimaine.org<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Gives an idea on how community supports (day activity) may be provided differently (this provider eliminated all actual settings, provides services in the community)○ Comments were offered to caution against going to extremes in changing the nature of service delivery (don’t want to have unintended consequences)○ Comment was offered that the HCBS rule points to offering services/doing things in less isolation; is a challenge to the way things are being done• Pete stated that we (as a state) need to decide what is our vision and how do we get there? This is something that we can work on collectively – exploring various ideas and seeing what might work for South Carolina.• So – what is our vision going to be?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Need to consider how we can pay for it○ Is this vision different by population (or not necessarily)?○ Is the vision really around being person-centered for everyone?• Valarie offered that the DD council may be able to help in exploring ideas and promoting change through their grant programs.
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¹ CMS Questions and Answers Regarding Home and Community Based Settings, pg. 4, Q. 6. Found at: <http://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-topics/long-term-services-and-supports/home-and-community-based-services/downloads/q-and-a-hcb-settings.pdf>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One of the Council's role is to do capacity building. They provide funding up to 3 years at a diminishing amount for grantees that meet a state plan goal/objective and who are successful implementing the program. There are many programs who are providers or who have become providers who are trying new approaches. They also do a lot of work in transition with youth age 13-21 to help with obtaining employment. RFPs will go out in December for funding that will begin July 1, 2016. Go here for more information: http://www.scdhc.state.sc.us/grants.html ● Kelly shared another idea from the HCBS conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ www.NFESH.org – the “What a Waste” program. http://www.nfesh.org/what-a-waste/ Focus is on seniors, but could be adapted to other populations ● Some providers may be challenged by changes that need to be made – we all need to be able to help them out (provide information, share ideas, etc.) ● See email for other information
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Action Items			
No.	Action Item	Owner	Target Completion Date
1.	<i>No action items indicated in the meeting</i>	N/A	N/A

Next Meeting: November 5, 2015 (tentative in-person)

Future Meetings/Email Updates:

December 3, 2015

January 7, 2016

February 4, 2016