

Disabilities Advisory Council Minutes



Meeting: Disabilities Advisory Council
Date: 5/27/2018
Start Time: 2:00 P.M.
End Time: 4:00 P.M.
Location: Conference Room 1020B
Multi-Agency State Office Building
195 North 1950 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84116
Type of Meeting: Regular Monthly Meeting

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Members:	Present:	Absent:
Anne Stephens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Angella Pinna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kate McConaughy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amber Foster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie Roach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Shoemaker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tamera Dalton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Krissie Summerhays	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Welcome and introduction:

Opened at 2:08 pm
Introductions

Motion to accept minutes:

Stephanie motions to accept, Angie seconds the motion.

Meeting Agenda Items:

Health Beat Therapy:

Their company is relatively new and wants to educate on what music therapy is, why it is useful, and the research it is founded in. Research has been conducted for 50+ years about the effect/impact of music therapy, which has demonstrated positive results. There are professional organizations at the national level that oversee certification boards to ensure professional standards. Most programs of study require specialization in one instrument then they learn additional music and therapeutic skills.

Very evidence based practice. Need referral prior to assessment and treatment. Often used among diverse populations, commonly used with people that have disabilities and aging adults. Music therapy is offered in other states Medicaid waivers, hoping to add it here. Company representative asked for advice on how to keep spreading the word about this, Council members recommended reaching out to legislative members.

Electronic Visit Verification:

In the 21st Century Cures Act, there is a provision that requires the use of Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Systems to be put in place for Medicaid Authorities that provide personal care and home health services. Designed to improve quality of care and reduce system abuse. States are required

to have systems in place by January 1, 2019 for personal care services and by January 1, 2023 for home health services.

Systems must verify the type of service performed, the individual receiving the service, date of service, location, person providing the service, and time the service begins and ends. Systems must be HIPAA compliant, but the state is allowing providers to select an EVV system/vendor of their choice.

Any other questions about EVV should go to Anne Stephens at astephens@utah.gov

Settings Rule Update:

Department of Health: hosting focus groups with stakeholders to gather more information to help the state further develop plans. Also have sent out most of the feedback to providers about their self-assessments, hope that will assist providers in knowing what steps they must take to be settings rule compliant. Also encouraged people to visit the website about settings.

<http://health.utah.gov/ltc/hcbstransition/>

Division of Services for People with Disabilities: working on adjusting internal rules to be settings rule compliant. Working from the Department of Health crosswalk document to identify ways to alter the rules and will likely present rules at the next Advisory Council Meeting. Also working on improving the person centered plan. Division representatives are looking into existing free and fee-based person centered planning tools. Still in the very beginning stages.

Council Questions:

Krissie: Guardianship issue with SAS, saw issue with this happening. **Angie:** the waiver explicitly states no guardians can provide SAS services. Nothing in hiring document that asks about guardianship, FMS agents maybe aren't doing due diligence. Advising something on the hiring paperwork for FMS to help prevent this from happening in the future. Maybe in the Support Coordinator core training. Other states guardianship is generally not valid here. Annual report required if the guardian is not a natural support (not parents).

Meeting Adjourned at 3:50 pm