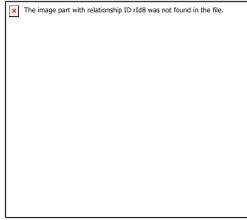


Disabilities Advisory Council Minutes



Meeting: Disabilities Advisory Council
Date: 8/28/2018
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Angella Pinna	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tamera Dalton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Krissie Summerhays	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shirlee Draper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carla Thorne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carrie Bambrough	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Melissa Quigley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Welcome and introduction:

Began at 2:05 pm

Motion to accept minutes:

Tamera motioned to approve, Carrie seconded

Meeting Agenda Items:

Jamie Wuthrich: Staffing Changes Updates

Executive director's office started new office that oversees design, quality, and outcomes of DHS services. Incident reporting, quality management, and some contracts pulled to staff the new office (about sixteen staff). Moved to reduce repetitive work and to streamline. Staff that were moved will still work with DSPD providers and clients, but will be housed under the new office.

Question: Is the Division going to update the DSPD organization chart?

Answer: We are. Additionally, we are working on making the org chart easier to understand and explain what they do.

Question: Why did privatization occur with support coordinators?

Answer: Change was made because of CMS requirements to ensure that choice is maintained for people in services. If all or the majority of support coordinators are contracted with the state, people are limited in which organization they choose to receive support coordination services from. Angie is also working on instituting a quarterly support coordinator meeting, to help get our information to support coordinators to provide to families.

Emily Crandall: Person-Centered Plan Updates

The Division has been working to update the person centered support plan (PCSP) in response to some changes required by the settings rule (for example: increasing modifications documentation, etc.). Staff have heard that there are some points of improvement for the PCSP, so the Division is soliciting feedback from support coordinators and other stakeholders on how to improve the PCSP to be more person centered and effective.

Last week, the Division hosted the first of a series of focus groups with stakeholders about the PCSP with support coordinators. There were about 10-15 in attendance and we received good, constructive comments. We are currently putting together a summary report, which we will likely share at the next advisory council as well as the findings from the other focus groups that will be conducted. After finishing the focus groups, a workgroup will start with volunteer stakeholders that will help create the new PCSP through regular meetings.

Clay Hiatt: Explanation of Billing Change (Dollars to Units) Review of Systems Change Process

Recent change going from money in the plan to units. The reason for this shift was the Department of Health (DOH) needed to implement a new a system that manages financial payments. Were told the system was based around units instead of dollar amounts and that it was incompatible with dollar amounts. This new system has not been implemented quite yet, but DSPD and DOH decided to make the shift from dollars to units at the change of the fiscal year (July 2018) so they shift will be easier (payments can still be received, without dealing with the incompatibility issue in the new system).

Question: There are fiscal year ends, plan ends, etc... Wondering why the change wasn't made at the end of the plan year?

Answer: At the beginning of the fiscal year we do roll overs. We also had rate increases starting July 1st. We changed over at the beginning of the fiscal year (once) instead of monthly when individual plans end. Should not have lost units, either issue with transition or with support coordinator. Should last until the end of their plan year.

Question: Can you get more units?

Answer: If needed, through the request for services (RFS) process. There is a committee that reviews the information and either rejects or approves the request for additional services based on need. Should not be any easier or harder to get any other units.

Comment: Felt like it was a clunky change, that parents were not properly informed.

Response: At the roll over, there is a natural increase included (from an algorithm). For most people it works very well, but sometimes it doesn't. There should not have been a loss of services.

Comment: Need to pay attention to units, not dollars anymore with the new system.

Emily Crandall: Settings Updates

The Division is continuing to work with the Department of Health on soliciting input about how to implement the settings rule. The Department of Health has conducted a series of focus groups with stakeholders on a variety of subjects concerning the settings rule and is using those comments to help guide the decision making process.

Council Questions:

No additional questions.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:44pm