

Advocates' Communication Meeting Summary

January 24, 2014
10:30am-12:30pm

OMNI Institute, The Logan Building: 899 Logan Street, 6th Floor, Denver, CO 80203

Community Invitees Present:		State Staff Invitees Present:	
Cassidy Dellemonache		Emily Blanford - DDD	
Gerrie Frohne		Joanne Svenningsen - DDD	
Grace Ormsby		Richard Ratliff* - DRCO	
Hanni Raley*			
Heidi Haines			
Lisa Franklin			
*Attended by Phone			

Agenda Item	Status/Decisions Made	Assignments/Commitments
Purpose of the Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose of the meeting is to ensure ongoing, transparent, and collaborative communication between the Division for Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and the advocacy stakeholders 	
I. Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone introduced themselves. 	
II. New Business A. New HCBS Rules from CMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare released the final HCBS regulations setting forth new requirements HCBS services on January 10, 2014. The regulations enhance the quality of HCBS and provide additional protections to individuals. Division DDD staff have participated on calls, but are still digesting content. Refer to attachment for information about Jan. 30th call for parents/stakeholders. Tyler Deines currently scheduled to attend February meeting to provide detailed overview. 	

<p>III. Community Support Team Presentation by Dr. Ratliff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Richard Ratliff presented information about the Community Support Team. • Anyone can make referrals to the Community Support Team. • Referral process starts by contacting Laura DeVries. Referrals are accepted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. • Team supports clients within a month of their 18th birthday or older. • Team treats individuals who are a danger to themselves, others, or on the edge of homelessness. • Most clients are in their 20s. • Over the last 11 months, 50 people have left the Regional Centers to live in the community. Only 21 people left in 2012. • Seven more clients leave annually than come in. • The Regional Centers are focused on providing the right services in a person-centered context, and ensuring self-determination. • The Community Support Team supports community providers for successful transitions. • In addition, technical support for providers is available. • Referrals can be made by outside entities, but Regional Center staff keep CCB Case Managers in the loop. • Additional information provided in the slideshow attachment distributed during the meeting. • Regional Center staff always interested in talking to family members and receiving feedback on how things can be improved. • Discussion centered on how people can get the word out about the Community Support Team. • Joanne Svenningsen to follow up on whether or not an ILD is needed for Regional Center Admission. • FAQs need to be posted about the Community Support Team. • Discussion included acknowledgement of need to include DD populations in PCCM models. 	<p>Please Contact Laura DeVries, the Transition and CST Coordinator, with any questions about the Community Support Team.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Laura DeVries 303-463-2698 Laura.DeVries@state.co.us</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Division for Regional Center Operations 10285 Ridge Road Wheat Ridge, CO 80033</p>
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<p>IV. Updates on Division Business</p> <p>A. Community Stakeholder Engagement Meetings</p> <p>B. HB 13-1314 Transition</p> <p>C. HCPF Organizational Chart</p> <p>D. Waiver Renewal Status</p> <p>E. Rules Update</p>	<p>Community Stakeholder Engagement Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denver meeting, Friday January 24, 2014 from 1-3pm at KDVR. • <u>Grand Junction Meeting</u>, Friday, February 21, 2014 from 1-3pm, Mesa County Department of Human Services (Conference Room 1060) • <u>Pueblo Meeting</u>, Tuesday, February 25, 2014 from 1-3pm, Pueblo Community College Ballroom • <u>Ft. Collins Meeting</u>, Friday, February 28, 2014, from 1-3pm, 2573 Midpoint • <u>Conference Call Only</u>, Thursday, March 6, 2014 from 1-3pm <p>HB 13-1314 Transition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move is Friday, January 31, 2014; offline from 1PM. • In offices in downtown location on the morning of Monday, February 3, 2014 • Communication Brief planned for release on January 29, 2014 with phone numbers <p>HCPF Organizational Chart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed attachment that shows DDD to be first business unit in the Office of Community Living. • HCPF and Barbara Ramsey working on an updated version. <p>Waiver Renewal Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michele Craig primary contact for public comment, which is open for 30 days from January 15, 2014. • There were few changes to the Waivers beyond the changing of the name of the Division from “The Division for Developmental Disabilities” to the “Division for Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities” under HCPF. • Comment accepted via electronic mail, letter, and telephone via the Rules Line. • There will not be public meetings about the changes. • Any changes to services or service delivery will be done as functions of the work groups. • The Waivers will be effective July 1, 2014. 	<p>Please contact Joanne Svenningsen with questions about the Community Stakeholder Engagement meetings or the HB 13-1314 transition.</p> <p>Joanne Svenningsen 303-866-5161 Joanne.svenningsen@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>For questions about the Waiver Renewal process, contact Michele Craig</p> <p>Michele Craig 303-866-5147 Michele.Craig@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203</p>
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<p>F. C-STAT/Supported Employment</p> <p>G Task Group & Work Group Updates</p> <p>H. NCI</p>	<p>Rules Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barb presented to the Medical Services Board (HCPF) and the Health Services Board (DHS) on January 11, 2014. • Both presentations went well and the movement of the rules (no changes) continues forward. • Repeal will be presented at the February Health Services Board, on Friday, February 7, 2014. • Rule package will be presented to the Medical Services Board for final adoption on February 14, 2014. • All rules will be moved effective March 30, 2014. <p>C-STAT/Supported Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported Employment lower than last month, but above target, now at 24.8% • Individualized Employment at 9%. • Trends are indicating, although numbers may not, that more folks are getting employed, momentum seems to be with supported employment and enclaves. <p>Task Group & Work Group Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attachment includes updates and staff contacts, omitted verbal updates due to time constraints/desire to make sure people could get to 1pm Stakeholder Engagement Meeting. • Contact Joanne Svenningsen with any questions about included updates. <p>NCI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily began presentation for NCI, but with little time left in the meeting and concerns raised by the group, it was determined NCI would be discussed in more detail at the February meeting. • DDD staff will research how other states have addressed some of the concerns raised, such as confidentiality and fear of retaliation for participation. 	<p>Please contact Joanne Svenningsen for information about any of the updates for the Task and Work Groups.</p> <p>Joanne Svenningsen 303-866-5161 Joanne.svenningsen@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203</p>
<p>V. Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be February 28, 2014 from 1030AM-1230 PM at the OMNI Institute. 	