

Advocates' Communication Meeting Summary
 The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
 The Division for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

July 25, 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:
Carol Meredith		Adam Tucker - DIDD
Dianne Holscher		Joanne Svenningsen - DIDD
Harriet Austin		Matt Vedal - HPSS
George O'Brien*		Van Wilson - HPSS
Grace Ormsby*		
Julie Farrar		
Kasey Daniel		
Lisa Franklin*		
Sue Fager		
*Attended by Phone		

Agenda Item	Status/Decisions Made	Assignments/Commitments
Purpose of the Meetings	The purpose of the meeting is to ensure ongoing, transparent, and collaborative communication between the Division for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) and the advocacy stakeholders	
I. Introductions and Review of last month's meeting summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone introduced themselves. Summary not reviewed in the interest of time. Contact Joanne Svenningsen with questions or concerns about the content of the June 2014 meeting summary. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Joanne Svenningsen 303-866-5161 Joanne.svenningsen@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203</p>
II. Medicare & Medicaid Duals Demonstration Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colorado is one of 12 states to receive a grant from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to integrate and coordinate physical, behavioral, and social health needs for persons dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. The implementation of the grant builds on the Accountable Care Collaborative as the care is to be an outcome-focused, client/family centered model of care. 	<p style="text-align: center;">For additional information about the Duals Demonstration Grant:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Van Wilson 303-866-6352 Van.Wilson@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals of the grant include improved outcomes and experience for clients as well as decreased duplication of services and costs. • Target implementation of the program is early Fall 2014; waiver clients aren't expected to be enrolled until months five or six. • Staff presented PowerPoint regarding the Demonstration Grant. • The goal is improved coordination, although the benefits and services for clients won't change. • Existing service plans won't be changed or replaced, although the Grant's Service Care Plan will add a layer of administrative oversight that folds in Acute Care Service Management and plans will be available to clients and guardians. • The Demonstration will help standardize communication through the creation across standardized forms/processes to serve the entire client. • A primary component of the Demonstration is the provision of disability-competent care. • Additional information can be found in the distributed fact sheet, enrollment handbook, client letter, and PowerPoint presentation. 	
<p>III. New Business</p> <p>A. HB 14-1051 - Developmental Disability Services Strategic Plan</p> <p>B. Support Intensity Scale Discussion</p>	<p>HB 14-1051 - Developmental Disability Services Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Division is developing a project implementation plan for HB 14-1051. • Plan will include presentation of a draft strategic plan, a series of public meetings, and opportunities for stakeholders to provide input on the draft Strategic Plan. • A copy of the Strategic Plan is due to the Joint Budget Committee and the Health committees of reference by November 1, 2014. • The Division continues to seek input from this group on reaching out to stakeholders, as well as high level topic areas for the Strategic Plan. • More information regarding the process is forthcoming, although a listening log will be created and maintained. Submitted comments collected via listening logs will be a part of the final report. • The Division is working to engage a vendor to draft the plan. As details are solidified, they will be communicated via communication brief and at this meeting. • Any ideas or feedback on the preparation of the Strategic Plan or outreach efforts should be provided directly to Kristie Braaten. <p>Support Intensity Scale Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In terms of how wandering and running away are scored on the SIS, the SIS Assessment in the 3B (Exceptional Behavioral Supports) 	<p>Questions, comments, and ideas around gathering feedback from the community regarding House Bill 14- 1051 should be submitted to Kristie Braaten:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kristie Braaten 303-866-5146 Kristie.Braaten@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>For questions about the SIS/Support Level Process:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lori Williams 303-866-5160 Lori.Williams@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203</p>

<p>C. Program Quality Move to CDPHE</p>	<p>section rates “wandering” and “eloping/running away” based on the acuity of support need. These behaviors are scored in this section as a 1 or a 2 dependent upon the intensity of this behavior.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As to how the maintenance of mental health treatments is scored, item in 3B of the SIS Assessment is rated based on the intensity of support needed for people to get to their psychiatric and mental health counseling appointments, support needed during and after these appointments in managing their medications, and psychiatric symptoms and the assistance needed to take their medications. • Changing needs due to dementia are captured in 3B (Exceptional Behavioral Support Needs). These issues are also captured throughout the SIS Assessment as Dementia causes challenges and increased support needs through all areas of a person’s life (e.g. assistance w/ ADLS, community life, employment, lifelong learning, health and safety, etc.) The onset and progression of Dementia qualifies as a reason for conducting a new SIS Assessment. • Regarding the lengthy documents generated during the Support Level Determination Process, Lori Williams, the DIDD Support Level Coordinator, is restructuring the Support Level Review Request process and the requirement for the Level of Needs Checklist to be submitted with these requests in order to create a process that is easier to use, but continues to result in a determination with integrity. • Regarding SIS Re-Assessments and Support Level Re-determination, when a person’s needs change, a SIS Re-Assessment is requested. When a person disagrees with the outcome of the Support Level Determination, a Support Level Re-Determination is requested. Rules set forth at 10 CCR 2505-10.6.12.4.C.3 define these processes. • There is no required wait time required to ask for a Support Level Review. <p>Program Quality Move to CDPHE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective July 1, 2014, the Program Quality group moved to the Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE), pursuant to HB 12-1294. The goal of the transition was to resolve areas of conflict and eliminate redundancy across work units and Departments. • The transfer moved the following functions previously under the oversight of the Division for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities at HCPF to the Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division at CDPHE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Surveys of agencies 	<p>Questions regarding the Program Quality move to CDPHE should be directed to Lori Thompson:</p> <p>Lori Thompson 303-866-5142 Lori@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203</p>
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<p>D. Removing Sibling Respite from CES Waiver</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Program Approval ○ Complaint Receipt and Response ● All staff have retained their jobs, but some have moved into other areas. ● The goal of the new structure within CDPHE is the reduction of silos and the improvement of efficiency as CDPHE is now responsible for the landscape of everything that’s regulated. ● Changes include a new hotline number for complaints and Thomas Miller’s assignment as the Branch Chief for certification and policy. ● As new roles are solidified, the names and contact information will be distributed accordingly. ● CDPHE will continue to do certification, licensing, and renewal, but the recommendation regarding certification for providers will come from DIDD staff within HCPF. ● The Division for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities will continue to handle case management and related survey work. ● The CDPHE will also host the updated list of waiver providers on its site. 	
	<p>Removing Sibling Respite from CES Waiver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sibling respite was a part of the 2009 Renewal of the CES Waiver. ● The benefit allowed for the care of siblings of the waiver participant who resided in the same home when the primary caretaker needed to take the participant to a service covered by the state plan or waiver. ● The CES Waiver renewal effective July 1, 2014, per CMS, requires the removal of Sibling Respite as it is not an allowable benefit under the CES Waiver. ● The Department is soliciting comments from Stakeholders as documented in a July 9, 2014 Communication Brief. ● The Department is collecting Public Comment through August 20, 2014. Feedback gathered through this process will be responded to via the Listening Log process. ● Sheila Peil is the lead on the benefit and is accepting Public Comment. ● To date, the Department has received three comments. 	<p>For Questions about the Children’s Extensive Support Waiver:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sheila Peil 303-866-5156 Sheila.Peil@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203</p>
<p>E. Independent Contracting & Host Home Model</p>	<p>Independent Contracting & Host Home Model</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As a part of the HCBS-DD waiver renewal, CMS approved the removal of the requirement that family members providing services under Family Caregiver must be direct employees of the agency. 	<p>Questions regarding the Independent Contracting & Host Home Model should be directed to Lori Thompson:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lori Thompson 303-866-5142 Lori@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203</p>

<p>F. Home and Community Based Settings Transition Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new requirement states that family members providing care under Family Caregiver must meet the same requirements as Direct Support Staff. <p>Home and Community Based Settings Transition Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMS issued a final rule regarding HCBS in January that went into effect on March 17, 2014. The Department has until March 17, 2015 to submit a transition plan regarding the changes it will make across its waivers to meet the setting requirements outlined in the rule. Should a waiver amendment be submitted for any of the Department’s waivers between March of 2014 and March of 2015, a “clock” starts and the Department must submit a transition plan within 120 days of submission of the waiver amendment(s). The Department must submit an amendment to four of the LTSS Waivers by the end of December (EBD, SCI, BI, and CMHS). The Department has begun the assessment process of its readiness by retaining the Lewin Group. The Lewin Group helped draft a survey to providers authored with the help of Lewin Group regarding compliance with the rule as to settings. The Lewin Group also helped draft a Transition Plan. The Department is working to finalize the drafted plan for distribution to stakeholders for the collection of public comment. Information will be forthcoming regarding the release of the plan. 	<p>Questions about the HCBS Transition Plan: Adam Tucker 303-866-5472 Adam.Tucker@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203</p>
<p>III. Updates on Division Business</p> <p>A. Waiver Renewal Status</p> <p>B. CCDC-Sponsored Disability Diversity Training</p>	<p>Waiver Renewal Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CES, SLS and DD waiver amendments have all been approved. The SLS and DD Waiver Renewals were approved. Staff continue to respond to Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) for CES. CMS granted temporary extension of CES while the renewal is being finalized – the extension will allow for continued collection of FFP. <p>CCDC-Sponsored Disability Diversity Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCDC helped connect the Department with Disability Diversity Training Specialist Melissa Marshall. Melissa provided three distinct trainings several times over three days to HCPF staff. Most staff attended at least one session and many attended multiple sessions. 	

<p>C. Dental Benefit in the State Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All trainings were recorded and staff that were out of the office watched the recordings. • 15 DIDD staff attended one or more of the trainings in person. <p>Dental Benefit in the State Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Plan benefit started July 1, 2014. • Staff working on recruitment plans, will be using a contractor through DentaQuest for recruitment. • Provider specialty rates for DIDD population are in clearance – recruitment will begin once rates are finalized. • No change to existing way DIDD clients access services or the way reimbursement is managed until information is communicated via Communication Brief. • DIDD staff developing Technical Assistance for case managers, provider agencies, and stakeholders regarding the transition – dependent on operationalization of benefit. • Staff met this week with DentaQuest to discuss Operational implementation of the benefit. 	<p>Questions about the State Plan Dental Benefit:</p> <p>Michele Craig 303-866-5147 Michele.Craig@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203</p>
<p>D. NCI Update</p>	<p>NCI Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Division has completed 100% of the 400 client interviews to date. • Colorado completed the project more quickly than its four cohort states and well in advance of the June 30, 2014 deadline. The target timeframe for posting Colorado’s data on the National Core Indicators Site is June 2015. • Division staff will begin engaging the national NCI team in August to begin preparing for the next survey period. • Staff will also begin pulling sample clients in August. • CCBs can expect to receive a sample schedule in November and interviews are currently slated to start the 1st week of January. 	<p>Questions about NCI:</p> <p>Yasmin Gardner 303-866-5150 Yasmin.Gardner@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203</p>
<p>E. Budget, Enrollments & FY 2013-14 Legislative Update</p>	<p>Budget, Enrollments, & FY 2013-14 Legislative Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information shared during meeting not exhaustive, complete information included below. <p><u>Expenditures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are in the process of closing the FY 2013-14 books and making sure everything goes out the door. • Currently on track to spend within the adjusted appropriation from the Supplemental. May spend a little over, but will not under-expend. 	<p>Questions about Budget, Enrollments, or recently passed legislation:</p> <p>Emily Blanford 303-866-5141 Emily.Blanford@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203</p>

- A more comprehensive, fiscal year-end summary will be provided at the August meeting.

Enrollments

- Enrollments across all three waivers are higher than last month, as well as, last year, and is evidence of the work being done by the CCBs to enroll clients.
- A more comprehensive enrollment analysis of the entire FY 2013-14 will be provided at the August meeting.

Legislative Update

- Senate Bill 14-063 - Mandatory Review of State Agency Rules
 - Bill codifies in statute Governor's previous Executive Order directing agencies to review their rules and regulations.
 - Rules will be reviewed to eliminate obsolete and conflicting provisions. Rules will also be assessed for continuing need and their cost-effectiveness.
 - Work done to date by the Regulatory Subcommittee of the CLAG will likely be a good foundation for the requirements of this legislation for DIDD rules.
- House Bill 14-1051 – Developmental Disability Services Strategic Plan
 - The bill requires submission of strategic plan regarding the elimination of the wait list for services by 2020.
 - The Division plans on mirroring the benefits collaborative process.
 - Division staff will be completing state-wide engagement of all stakeholders regarding the plan to collect feedback.
- House Bill 14-1368 - Transition Foster Care Youth with Developmental Disabilities To Adult Services
 - The legislation allows the transition of foster kids from the Child Welfare system to the Adult IDD system as they are ready.
 - Division staff are working to identify youth that are ready. 100+ youth with IDD have already been identified. Transitions for all identified youth are not required to be completed until 2016.
 - Staff had their first meeting July 7, 2014.
- House Bill 14-1338 – Regional Centers Task Force and Utilization Study
 - The legislation requires the study of the possible uses of the Regional Centers to ensure the most effective use of the human and capital resources.
- HB 14-1252 – Capacity Building in the DIDD System

<p>F. Task Group & Work Group Updates</p> <p>G. Community Transition Metrics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Division is in the process of distributing money to providers either this week or next. <p>Task Group & Work Group Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Any questions about the groups should be directed to the DIDD contacts listed on the spreadsheet. <p>Community Transition Metrics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Slides distributed, but not discussed in the interest of time. ● Contact Barbara Rydell with questions. 	<p>Please contact Barbara Rydell with questions about transitions to the community from the Regional Centers:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Barbara Rydell 303-866-5157 Barbara.Rydell@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203</p>
<p>IV. Personal Care in the State Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meredith Henry of the Department’s Health Programs Office presented. ● Personal Care has traditionally been a benefit that has been exclusive to waivers and the Department is expanding the benefit into the State Plan. ● The new benefit is for individuals aged 0-20 receiving services on the State Plan and the primary legal guardians cannot be paid under the benefit. ● Children will need to access the State Plan Benefit before accessing the Waiver Benefit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ State Plan benefit does not include the following supports: Meal Preparation, Homemaker, Range of Motion, Medication Reminder ● The State Plan Benefit will require a Prior Authorization. ● The Personal Care Assessment Tool (PCAT) will be used to assess clients. ● The finalization of the tool will take time and there isn’t an exact rollout date, although mid-Fall is the current target. ● The Department is working through all operational issues, which includes changes to the way providers bill. ● The Children’s Services Steering Committee has been formed to provide oversight of the PCAT and monitor its improvement and modification over time. The first meeting was July 25, 2014 (today). ● The group meets on the Fourth Friday of the month at various locations around Denver, contact Meredith Henry for more information. 	<p>Questions about Personal Care in the State Plan:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meredith Henry 303-866-4538 Meredith.Henry@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>Questions about Personal Care in the State Plan and its impact on the DIDD Waivers:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sheila Peil 303-866-5156 Sheila.Peil@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 August 22, 2014 from 1030AM-1230 PM at the OMNI Institute. 	