



The Division for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
 Advocates' Communication Meeting Summary

January 23, 2015
 10:30am-12:30pm

Colorado MS Society, Snowmass One Conference Room
 900 South Broadway, Denver, CO 80209

Community Invitees Present:		State Staff Invitees Present:	
Bob Lawhead*		Adam Tucker – DIDD	
Cassidy Dellemonache		Joanne Svenningsen – DIDD	
Carol Meredith*		Roberta Aceves - DIDD	
Cory Robinson*			
Edward Arnold*			
Hanni Raley			
Jeanne Weis			
Julie Farrar			
Kasey Daniel			
Kelie Kyser			
Lisa Franklin*			
Marcia Tewell			
Gerrie Frohne			
Grace Ormsby			
Valerie Saiz			
*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.		

The mission of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing is to improve health care access and outcomes for the people we serve while demonstrating sound stewardship of financial resources.



<p>I. Introductions and review of last month meeting summary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions made; summary reviewed, no one had questions. • Contact Joanne Svenningsen with questions regarding the December 2014 meeting summary. 	<p>Questions about the summary:</p> <p>Joanne Svenningsen 303-866-5161 Joanne.Svenningsen@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p>
<p>II. New Business</p> <p>A. Mobile Crisis Services - Office of Behavioral Health</p>	<p>Mobile Crisis Services - Office of Behavioral Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials distributed that include information about a Mobile Crisis Services hotline, which is an option for families to call to help in family crises involving behavioral health issues when de-escalation of a situation may be necessary. • The line was initiated by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) and should be used by individuals and families in active crisis. • Provided services may help clients avoid restricted settings such as hospitals, prison, and ICFs. • Services were rolled out at the end of December 2014. • Department staff acknowledge that this line is a step towards filling in gaps in behavioral health supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). • Conversations continue to move forward around how this service can meet the needs of the IDD population. • The state has been carved into four quadrants for purposes of administration of the service, and three are open and fully staffed. • Questions outstanding around the service’s readiness to provide support for individuals with IDD and whether the call center is tracking diagnosis codes. • Adam Tucker is the HCPF contact regarding the line and should be kept in the loop if attendees or community members have questions or feedback about it or their experiences using it. • Adam Tucker to research if an onsite visit is possible to determine what’s working with the model. • Additional updates regarding the line will be provided next month. 	<p>For questions regarding the Colorado Crisis Services project or the HCBS Settings Rule:</p> <p>Adam Tucker 303-866-5472 Adam.Tucker@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p>



<p>B. HCBS Settings Rule</p> <p>C. Conflict Free Case Management Task Group Report</p> <p>D. No Wrong Door Grant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A representative from OBH will be invited to next month’s meeting. <p>HCBS Settings Rule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda item added during meeting. • The 30 day public comment period on the rule closed and the listening log has been on the HCPF website for three weeks, after Public Comment was collected for 30 days. • The Department is awaiting CMS comments on the plan, which may lead to revisions to the existing plan, or a new plan. <p>Conflict Free Case Management Task Group Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report is in clearance with Department leadership. • Once cleared and released, the Department will receive, review, respond and document all public comment on a listening log which will be made public. • Brittani Trujillo will be invited to the Advocates’ Communication meeting to discuss the content of the report once it’s released. • Department staff confirmed that the Report will be released publicly to all stakeholders at the same time. • Should recommendations be brought to the Department on any systemic changes to the way IDD services are delivered, per Jed Ziegenhagen, all recommendations must be in alignment with all rules promulgated by CMS. <p>No Wrong Door Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorado has received a \$200,000 planning grant from the Administration for Community Living to complete a No Wrong Door Implementation Plan. • This project is a joint effort of the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) ○ Colorado Department of Human Services, State Unit on Aging (SUA) 	<p>Questions regarding the Conflict Free Case Management Task Group:</p> <p>Brittani Trujillo 303-866-5567 Brittani.Trujillo@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>Questions regarding the No Wrong Door Planning Grant:</p> <p>Aron Snyder 303-866-3312 Aron.Snyder@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) ○ Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) • The purpose of the year-long planning project is to complete Colorado’s three year, statewide plan to guide the development and implementation of a No Wrong Door (NWD) system for long-term services and supports (LTSS). • The intention behind the NWD system is to increase awareness of and access to reliable LTSS information, provide quality, standardized person-centered options counseling across Colorado, and simplify and streamline access to LTSS. • See the attached Fact Sheet and Focus Group request sheets for Frontline Staff or Consumer Caregivers for more information. • Additional information about how to provide input into the initiative will be posted on the Division’s Facebook page. 	
E. NCI	<p>NCI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mail-out surveys were sent January 9th. Staff will confirm that the numerical sequence in the upper left hand corner of the return envelope was a postage marker. • On January 19th, the face-to-face client interviews began in the RMHS catchment area. • Most current schedule for interviews included as attachment. 	<p>For questions regarding NCI:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lisa Neveu 303-866-5153 Lisa.Neveu@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p>
F. Children’s Waiver Redesign	<p>Children’s Waiver Redesign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There isn’t a detailed update available at this time; staff in the LTSS are focused on the HCBS Rules and expansion of the Autism benefit. • Staff will have a more complete update next month. 	<p>For questions regarding Children’s Programs:</p>
G. Child welfare subgroup (sub-PAC) update	<p>Child welfare subgroup (sub-PAC) update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDHS/Child Welfare convened this ad hoc/time limited work group. • Final recommendations were provided at the January 8, 2015 meeting. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Sheila Peil 303-866-5156 Sheila.Peil@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p>



<p>H. Provider Capacity for IDD determinations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will try to get a copy for distribution at next month's meeting. <p>Provider Capacity for IDD determinations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This agenda item is related to reports that there aren't enough providers to perform the psychological tests necessary to generate the required documentation for CCBs to determine if a person has a developmental disability. The Department can assist with this issue, but staff need specifics around areas where capacity is insufficient. 	<p>For questions regarding time to wait for determination of developmental disability:</p> <p>Adam Tucker 303-866-5472 Adam.Tucker@state.co.us 1570 Grant St.</p>
<p>III. Updates on Division Business</p> <p>A. CDASS in SLS Task Group</p> <p>B. Waiver Redesign</p> <p>C. Budget and Enrollments</p>	<p>CDASS in SLS Task Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Task Group's report, along with the waiver amendment, was sent via Communication Brief on January 10, 2015. The HCBS-SLS waiver amendment and Task Group report are out for 30 day public comment until Feb 9th, 2015. Staff will ensure that changes to the posted waiver amendment are highlighted and re-posted. Discussion included an overview of the recommendations contained in the report by attendees. Attendees recommended final report formats that include highlights and summaries for ease in reviewing. <p>Waiver Redesign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next Waiver Redesign meeting is Monday, January 26, 2015. Randie Wilson presenting about reimbursement methodologies at meeting. Group will start meeting less frequently as the waiver gets drafted, looking towards statewide engagement meetings in the spring. <p>Budget and Enrollments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff distributed expenditure and enrollment table. The JBC is hearing testimony on the Department's Supplemental Budget Requests at the JBC today (January 23rd, 2015). 	<p>Questions regarding CDASS in SLS:</p> <p>Roberta Aceves 303-866-5145 Roberta.Aceves@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>Questions about Waiver Redesign:</p> <p>Tyler Deines 303-866-5148 tyler.deines@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>Questions regarding Budget & Enrollments:</p> <p>Emily Blanford 303-866-5141 Emily.Blanford@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p>



<p>D. Community Transitions</p> <p>E. Attendee Comments and Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department’s submitted budget documents include requests for funding for the new settings rule, funding to implement the Community Living Advisory Group recommendations, and additional contracting staff to assist with the implementation of the new MMIS. <p>Community Transitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides distributed, but not discussed in the interest of time. <p>Attendee Comments and Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standing agenda item as a forum for attendees to share non-HCPF related information that impacts the community. Members in attendance did not have any comments or announcements to share. 	<p>Questions regarding Community Transition Slides:</p> <p>Laura DeVries 303-866-5746 Laura.Devries@state.co.us DHS 1575 Sherman St. Denver, CO 80203</p>
<p>V. Adjournment</p>	<p>The next Advocates’ Communication Meeting will be February 27, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Location to be determined.</p>	

