



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

June 26, 2015
 10:30am-12:30pm
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900 South Broadway, Denver, CO 80209

Community Invitees Present:		State Staff Invitees Present:	
Carol Meredith		Adam Tucker – DIDD	
Dawn Sakes*		Barbara Rydell* - DIDD	
DeAnn Major*		Joanne Svenningsen – DIDD	
Heidi Haines		Lisa Neveu* - DIDD	
Jeanne Weis		Tyler Deines – DIDD	
Julie Farrar		Yasmin Gardner* - DIDD	
Kasey Daniel			
Kelie Kyser			
Lisa Franklin			
Marijo Rymer			
Gerrie Frohne			
Stephanie Garcia*			
Valerie Saiz			
Veronica Brennan			
*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>C. DD Determination</p> <p>D. Investigation Flowcharts</p>	<p>recommendation from the Community Living Advisory Group regarding its creation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of the attached slideshow was provided, including an articulation of the Group’s recommendations, which includes a commitment to the provision of an array of services that will meet the needs of individuals throughout their lifetimes. • Presentation included a summary of the feedback received during the community stakeholder engagement meetings. • The Department will no longer be using the Listening Log format for public comment. • The Department will post all comments received via all communication channels verbatim on the web and provide summarized responses to all comment received. <p>DD Determination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda item included due to reports by Advocates of inconsistent application of acceptance of different types of information for the determination of DD. • Attached Fact Sheet and Department rules can be consulted and distributed for more information. • Case studies provided by Advocates were forwarded to Case Management Services staff; will be foundation for TA with CCB Case Managers. • Barbara Rydell reviewed the process for the determination of DD, and the contractual requirements for CCBs (30 days) effective July 1, 2015. • Department staff plan on providing additional Technical Assistance on these issues during Case Management Director meetings and calls. • <p>Investigation Flowcharts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department is working on documenting the inputs and affected agencies for investigations of critical incidents and which agency bears responsibility for the work. 	<p>Questions regarding determination of a developmental disability:</p> <p>Barbara Rydell 303-866-5157 Barbara.Rydell@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>Questions about the Investigations Flowchart:</p> <p>Joanne Svenningsen 303-866-5161 Joanne.Svenningsen@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p>
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<p>E. HB 14-1051- Provide Timely Access to Services</p>	<p>HB 14-1051 – Provide Timely Access to Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The legislation requires an annual update to the strategic plan, the first of which was submitted on time on November 1, 2014. • The Department committed to providing a quarterly update in writing. • The work related to this assignment is with the Enrollment Coordinator, a position that has gone unfilled since August of 2014. • Once that position is filled, the Department anticipates that quarterly updates to the plan will be made. 	<p>Questions about HB 14-1051 – Provide Timely Access to Services: and 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>F. Conflict Free Case Management Task Group Report and Public Comment</p>	<p>Conflict Free Case Management Task Group: Report and Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Report and the Department responses are posted on the Department’s website: https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/DIDD-conflict-free-case-management • The Department will be posting all public comment to its website and will provide a summary response that addresses the received comments. 	
<p>G. CDASS in SLS Task Group</p>	<p>CDASS in SLS Task Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Waiver amendment with proposed modifications that address FMS changes was released via communication brief on June 24, 2015. • Public comment will be solicited via web form, email, fax, 1st class mail, and telephone, and there will be a public notice posted in the newspaper. • Site for the task group: https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/cdass-hcbs-sls-waiver-task-group • Public comment will be collected until 11:59pm on July 31, 2015. • The Department is targeting October 1, 2015 for implementation of the service delivery option. 	<p>CDASS in SLS Task Group:</p> <p>Roberta Aceves 303-866-5145 Roberta.Aceves@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p>
<p>H. Enrollments and Reversions</p>	<p>Enrollments and Reversions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department is currently on track to over expend by \$2 million across the funding for the three waivers. 	<p>Questions regarding Enrollments and Reversions:</p> <p>Emily Blanford 303-866-5141 Emily.Blanford@state.co.us</p>



<p>I. SIS/Support Level</p> <p>J. Respite and HB 15-1233</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This amount is less than 1% of the Budget for DD services. • This amount could change once the fiscal year ends. • The reversions of past years are highly unlikely going forward given how HCPF’s Budget Staff strives to avoid reversions. • Budget staff at HCPF perform monthly monitoring of claims data and submit formal, biannual requests that seek to true up actual paid claims with projections. • The biannual requests are submitted in November and February and act as “true ups” of the previous projections. • The February 2015 true up included projections to avoid a reversion, which would have occurred absent this adjustment due to overly aggressive enrollment schedule set for the CCBs and codified in the appropriation. <p>SIS/Support Level Determination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attached is a list of SIS Interviewers by CCB. • The list is posted on the Department’s website in the Provider Training section and will be reposted on the SIS/Support Level page when that page is completed. • Since July 1, 2012, there have been eight individuals who had their Support Level decreased based on a SIS reassessment; two of these SIS requests were submitted solely for reduction of SL since the individual no longer had high behavioral needs. <p>Respite and HB 15-1233</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The August Advocates’ Communication Meeting to be focused on Respite. • <u>Supplemental funding: Follow up</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funds to be distributed to CCB catchment areas based on Calendar Year 2013 Demography data and to families by way of the method used by that catchment area’s defined process. ○ The Department anticipates the “most in need” criteria will be used and families should escalate to the Department if the most in need approach is not applied. 	<p>1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>Questions regarding the SIS and Support Level Determination:</p> <p>Lori Williams 303-866-5160 Lori.Williams@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>Questions regarding the Task Force for HB 15-1233:</p> <p>Michelle Craig 303-866-5147 michele.craig@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street</p>
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<p>K. HCPF Website Overview</p> <p>L. NASDDDS Conference: Attendee Feedback and sharing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding is only for respite; any unused funds will need to be returned to the Department. ○ Funding will be distributed to CCBs in 14-15, but won't make it to families until FY 2015-16. ○ Funds can be used for normal support process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>HB 15-1233 - Respite</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The bill is being implemented by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) and requires a study to ensure reliable access to affordable respite. ○ The first meeting of the task force is July 15, 2015. ○ The Task Force membership is to include hospice providers, representatives from CCBs, respite providers, HCPF, CDPHE, Home Health, chronic conditions, Mental Health CDHS, Brain Injury, Alzheimer's <p>HCPF Website overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A HCPF Website Quick sheet with most used pages distributed to attendees as attachment. <p>NASDDDS Conference: Attendee Feedback and sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The three-day conference was a success. ● The Department sponsored 16 volunteer and family advocates for the event. ● Barb Ramsey and Marijo Rymer of the Arc of Colorado presented on HB 15-1368, the Gap Analysis work ● Clients operated vendor fair between sessions. ● Sponsored attendees thanked the Department for the opportunity to attend and attendees to the conference commented on how well Colorado does in comparison to other states. ● Presentations are on the NASDDDS website at: http://www.nasddds.org/conferences/2015-directors-forum-mid-year-conference/ 	<p>Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>Questions about the HCPF website:</p> <p>Joanne Svenningsen 303-866-5161 Joanne.Svenningsen@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p>
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<p>M. Eligibility and the DD Waiver: Update</p>	<p><i>Remainder of meeting content not covered due to time; remainder of summary is written updates.</i></p> <p>Eligibility and the DD Waiver: Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department staff obtained the Public Affairs staff name at the Social Security Administration to contact regarding changing the way online applications for federal Disability Determination are printed. • The contact person in Public Affairs is Cindy Malone and her number is 303-844-6767. She will be able to connect advocates with appropriate federal staff with technical knowledge. 	<p>Questions regarding Eligibility and the DD Waiver:</p> <p>Eric Stricca 303-866-4475 Eric.Stricca@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p>
<p>III. Updates on Division Business</p> <p>A. Dental Update</p> <p>B. July and August Meetings</p> <p>C. Attendee comments and announcements</p>	<p>Dental Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All operational changes necessary to move the administration of the benefit to DentaQuest are on track for July 1, 2015. • Effective July 1, 2015 people will need to see Medicaid dentists. • There is still ample of time for dentists to enroll. • Should providers see patients and haven't enrolled, they need to complete the application as soon as possible and mark on the application that they've seen a Medicaid patient in the last 120 days; which will allow for the retroactive dating and approval of the application to allow for billing for Medicaid patients. • There is an enhanced fee schedule and participating dentists do not have to take all Medicaid patients seeking care. <p>July and August Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>July Meeting:</u> Supported Employment, Dental, HCBS Strategies tool update, meeting space discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff will check on the applicability of discussing the "Additional Factors Task Force" information in June • <u>August Meeting:</u> "Respite Only" – Michele Craig will attend to discuss, Barb Ramsey to also attend • <u>September Meeting:</u> Legislative and Budget recap <p>Attendee Comments and Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to time constraints, this agenda item not covered. 	<p>Questions about Dental:</p> <p>Michelle Craig 303-866-5147 michele.craig@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203</p>



V. Adjournment	The next Advocates' Communication Meeting will be July 24, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Colorado MS Society.	
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