



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

March 27, 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:	
Cassidy Dellemonache*		Adam Tucker – DIDD	
Diane Holscher		Eric Stricca - Eligibility	
Hanni Raley*		Joanne Svenningsen – DIDD	
Jeanne Weis		Michele Craig – DIDD*	
Julie Farrar			
Kasey Daniel			
Kelie Kyser			
Lisa Franklin			
Marcia Tewell			
Gerrie Frohne			
Grace Ormsby			
Sam 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.		
I. Introductions and review of last month meeting summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions made. • Contact Joanne Svenningsen with questions regarding the February 2015 meeting summary. 	Questions about the summary: Joanne Svenningsen 303-866-5161 Joanne.Svenningsen@state.co.us	

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<p>II. New Business</p> <p>A. Eligibility and the DD Waiver</p>	<p>Eligibility and the DD Waiver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Stricca provided an overview of the disability determination process for individuals seeking Disability through the Social Security Administration (SSA). • Individuals seeking determination through Social Security complete the same application form that is used by the Department’s contractor, the Action Review Group, when determining financial eligibility for services. • The Action Review Group waits for 75 days to receive the SSA determination. If not received, individuals applying for Medicaid waiver services may have to fill the application out twice.- • The initial denial rate of Social Security applications for Disability is 60% and individuals who receive a denial are encouraged to appeal. • Individuals eligible for SSDI must have income below \$2,199. • Trusts can be created for individuals receiving either SSI or SSDI, but the SSA may recover funds after the individual passes away. • • Both SSI and SSDI require that the same criteria be met, but they differ in terms of the work requirements. • The federal ABLEAct was passed into law, but rules have not been promulgated. • Discussion included whether or not Residential Habilitation Providers can collect the Section 8 Housing Vouchers and collect the maximum client contribution from either their SSI or SSDI income. • Staff will follow up in March regarding the appropriate government entity with which to work to remedy these situations. 	<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>Questions about the Dental Benefit:</p>
<p>B. Dental Update</p>	<p>Dental Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of the Dental Benefit will be moved to DentaQuest effective July 1, 2015, as announced in Communication Brief (attached). • Also attached is rate schedule. 	<p>Michelle Craig 303-866-5147 michele.craig@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203</p>



<p>C. NASDDDS Conference</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental provider outreach was started in mid-March. • Xerox systems changes moving forward, as is provider enrollment. • Families and advocates can contact DentaQuest if a dentist is required. • <p>NASDDDS Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denver will be the host city for the NASDDD Conference, which will be June 10-12, 2015 at the Westin Downtown • The theme, sessions, and content were determined by NASDDD’s conference planning committee. • The theme for the conference is “New Pathways” • Sue Birch, Reggie Bicha, and Larry Wolk will be making the welcome during the opening session. They will comment on new pathways created through the work of Governor’s CLAG. • A distributed attachment includes additional information, including speakers and the link to register. • Contact Sarah McDonnell with any questions. • The Department is trying to find funding to support a limited number of “scholarships.” Additionally, limited sponsorship may be available through NASDDD. Contact Barbara Brent for additional information. • There may be a discount for groups of 3 or more who register together. • The Division has been invited to participate in a panel discussion about services for people with co-occurring conditions. 	<p>Questions regarding the NASDDDS Conference:</p> <p>Sarah McDonnell 303-866-5144 Sarah.McDonnell@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p>
<p>D. CDASS in SLS Task Group</p>	<p>CDASS in SLS Task Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS has indicated concerns over technical details of CDASS in non-DIDD waivers. • DIDD continues to move forward with the changes, but the technical details that must be remedied in the LTSS waivers requires that a new amendment to the SLS waiver be prepared and submitted. • The CDASS in SLS task group is meeting again on Monday, March 30, 2015, and all resulting recommendations will be taken into consideration. 	<p>Questions regarding CDASS in SLS:</p> <p>Roberta Aceves 303-866-5145 <u>Roberta.Aceves@state.co.us</u> 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p>



E. No Wrong Door Grant

- The resultant, amended waiver will be re-released for public comment and all additional comments added to the existing document.
- As a result of the need to amend the waiver, the Department anticipates a 6-8 week delay in benefit rollout.

No Wrong Door Grant

- The No Wrong Door Planning Advisory Group held their first meeting on March 10th. The meeting included a number of breakout sessions where small groups to discussed the ideal No Wrong Door process.
- The next meeting is this Tuesday, March 31st. It will be held at the Holiday Inn-Cherry Creek at 455 S. Colorado Blvd, starting at 9:00 am, and the majority of the planning work will be done at that time. Discussion will include person-centered (aka options) counseling, person-centered transitions and streamlined access to publicly-funded programs.
- There is a No Wrong Door webpage at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/no-wrong-door-planning-advisory-group>. The page includes attachments to No Wrong Door planning grant documents, focus group documents and extensive background reading.
- Regarding the Help Me Grow program, there could be some overlap with the No Wrong Door Grant. Help Me Grow is working to cut down the number of phone calls that it takes for a person to access the resources they need. It sounds like staff from No Wrong Door agencies would receive transferred calls from the HMG staff for assistance with anything related to accessing Long Term Services and Supports.
- Help Me Grow includes case management to ensure that families receive what they need. Also No Wrong Door, serves all populations, regardless of age, disability or pay source, while Help Me Grow works with populations aged 0-20.

Advocates' Communication Meeting: Schedule and locale

Questions regarding the No Wrong Door Planning Grant:

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Questions regarding the Advocates' Communication Meeting:



<p>F. Advocates' Communication Meeting: Schedule and locale</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting locations have been confirmed at the MS Society and Hosting.com, both located at 900 South Broadway. • One of the attachments has the date, time, meeting room, and locations for all the meetings for the remainder of Calendar Year 2015. • Attendees requested that the meeting phone number and location be added to the meeting request. 	<p>Joanne Svenningsen 303-866-5161 Joanne.Svenningsen@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p>
<p>III. Updates on Division Business</p> <p>A. Supported Employment</p> <p>B. NCI</p> <p>C. Conflict Free Case Management Task Group</p> <p>D. Waiver Redesign</p>	<p>Supported Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In July, there will be a Benefits training regarding Supported Employment. • Increase in total number of people receiving SE year to year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sept 2011-Sept 2012: 130 ○ Sept 2012-Sept 2013: 164 ○ Sept 2013-Sept 2014: 251 • Total increase Sept 2011-Sept 2014: 545 (45% increase) • A more comprehensive slide presentation will be given at the March meeting. <p>NCI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% of F2F interviews have been completed to date. • The catchment areas of TRE and DDRC will be underway shortly. <p>Conflict Free Case Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are finalizing the responses to public comment and anticipate getting that document into clearance on March 31, 2015. <p>Waiver Redesign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Workgroup last met in January to finalize its recommendations to the Department. • A Summary and Recommendation Report has been drafted and sent to Workgroup members for their review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All members have been asked to provide final feedback by March 23, 2015. ○ Once accepted by the members, the report will be submitted to the Department for its consideration. 	<p>Questions about Supported Employment:</p> <p>Michelle Craig 303-866-5147 michele.craig@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>For questions regarding NCI:</p> <p>Lisa Neveu 303-866-5153 Lisa.Neveu@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>E. Budget and Enrollments</p> <p>F. Community Transitions</p> <p>G. Attendee Comments and Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department is planning statewide stakeholder engagement sessions to present the report and gather additional feedback. Engagement session details will be available soon. • The Department’s website includes a new page for the workgroup and includes all meeting summaries and handouts. • The site for waiver redesign: https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/DIDD-Redesign. <p>Budget and Enrollments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget figure setting resulted in the unanimous approval of CDASS in SLS. • There was a JBC-initiated proposal to provide a 5% increase for capacity building. • Although not passed, the Department had argued for 2.5% of that funding to go to increasing enrollments in the DD Waiver and for 2.5% to go to capacity building. • The CCB rate increase is slated to be 1.7% (down from 2.7%). • All providers are slated to receive a .5% increase. • A targeted rate increase for Homemaker is planned, which will lift the rate to a specific rate target. <p>Community Transitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attached slides distributed and discussed. <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. • No announcements from attendees due to time constraints. 	<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>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 April 24, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m at the MS Society.</p>	

