



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

December 19, 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	Adam Tucker – DIDD
Carol Meredith	Michele Craig – DIDD
Hanni Raley*	Sheila Peil - DIDD
Harriet Austin	
Jeanne Weis	
Julie Farrar	
Kasey Daniel	
Marcia Tewell	
Gerrie Frohne	
Grace Ormsby	
Marijo Rymer	
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; summary reviewed, no one had any questions. • Contact Joanne Svenningsen with questions regarding the November 2014 meeting summary. 	Questions about the summary: Joanne Svenningsen 303-866-5161 <u>Joanne.Svenningsen@state.co.us</u> 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203

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<p>II. New Business</p> <p>A. Update on Children's Programs</p>	<p>Update on Children's Programs</p> <p><u>CES Waiver</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CES Waiver was renewed December 9, 2014 with effective date of July 1, 2014. • Changes to renewed waiver listed below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eliminates CES waitlist. ○ Reflects move of DIDD to HCPF. ○ Respite Benefit - eliminated sibling services. ○ Respite Benefit- added youth day services (replaces care for adolescents who need day care while parents work, same reimbursement rate, limit to 10 hours/day for children 12-20). • 1204 unduplicated count approved by JBC for this year. • Regarding the cap on clients, JBC commitment to fund CES to maintain a zero waitlist, the Department will monitor unduplicated count and do waiver amendments as needed. • Regarding Children's Waiver Redesign, Department staff will provide an answer at the next meeting. <p><u>Pediatric Personal Care Benefit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation anticipated mid-Spring 2015. • State Plan Personal Care for 0-20 (EPSDT). • The Personal Care Assessment Tool (PCAT) will be used. • This assessment looks at personal care tasks rather than activities of daily living to determine medical necessity. • Must need assistance with three personal care tasks plus meal preparation and medications. • This benefit is more robust than the Personal Care benefit in the HCBS-CES waiver so it will likely be phased out of the HCBS-CES waiver. • Personal Care will remain in the HCBS-SLS waiver because it has additional services State Plan doesn't (i.e. money management, grocery shopping), and clients over the age of 20 and enrolled in the waiver will need the services. So it is possible for a person to have Personal Care in the State Plan and Personal Care in the HCBS-SLS waiver, each service will provide different supports. 	<p>For questions regarding Children's Programs:</p> <p>Sheila Peil 303-866-5156 Sheila.Peil@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p>
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<p>D. HB 14-1051 – Strategic Plan to provide access to services</p>	<p>HB 14-1051 - Strategic Plan to provide access to services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declination reasons for SLS enrollments was requested last month. Attached is the list provided to the JBC during the Department’s briefing on IDD. • Last month it was asked whether funding for SLS can be moved to support enrollments in DD. The Department is not at liberty to discuss the Governor’s Budget priorities/information remains confidential to the Executive Branch. • Staff will research answer to question about why there are so many people who could not be located when there is a requirement for CCBs to contact people on the waiting list yearly and what is being done to address this for those on the HCBS-DD waitlist so this doesn’t happen again. Concern that while people may not be located they are still in need of services. 	<p>For questions regarding HB 14-1051 – Strategic Plan to provide access to services:</p> <p>Emily Blanford 303-866-5141 Emily.Blanford@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p>
<p>E. Time to wait for determination of developmental disability</p>	<p>Time to wait for determination of developmental disability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Link to attached excerpt from provider bulletin was included in the summary, repasted below. • https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Bulletin_1213_B1300345_1.pdf • Please let Department staff know if there are provider capacity issues in any one area or if any clients are struggling to find providers to perform DD determinations. • Discussion included mention that reimbursement rates for psychological testing are inadequate in covering professionals’ costs. Arc staff polled several professionals and found that testing can cost upwards of \$1500 and even a professional who agreed to do a test for \$500 indicated that this was at the very least at cost. \$300 for testing is insufficient reimbursement. • The Department will research and provide follow-up at the next meeting regarding whether or not there are standard (e.g. like the ADA mean) reimbursement rates for such services to be used as a comparison/consideration for increasing reimbursement rates, actuarial study in existence that provides such information. 	<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>F. Possible ADCOM Meeting locale change for January</p>	<p>Possible ADCOM Meeting locale change for January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MS Society is reserved for January 23rd if the group elects to change the locale. • Lisa Franklin still researching whether parking reimbursement is possible for select members. • Joanne checking on Daniels Fund room availability, although attendees mentioned that one has to bring own phone, need to reserve rooms 2-3 months in advance, room sizes vary, and accessibility not as great as in other places. • MS Society: all agree to try the meeting there on January 23rd, 2015. Comments that technological capabilities at this site are good, accessibility is good, and there is generally good feedback on this location from stakeholders. 	<p>Questions about the possibility of moving the ADCOM meeting:</p> <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. CDASS in SLS Task Group</p> <p>B. State Plan Dental Benefit Update</p>	<p>CDASS in SLS Task Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final meeting today. • Report with recommendations to be submitted to the Department. • Report will be released for 30 day public comment period. • The Department will receive, review, respond, and document all comments on a listening log that will be made available to the public. <p>State Plan Dental Benefit Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipated transition date for management of dental benefits (both State Plan and waiver) to DentaQuest is July 1, 2015. • Communication plan in the works for both stakeholders and providers with anticipated first formal communication to go out January 2015 with monthly communications to follow. • The Department will work with DentaQuest on dental provider recruitment. • Enhanced fee schedule will be for both State Plan and waiver dental benefits and is comparable to the market rates dentists are receiving now. This will be released in January with the Department's communication. 	<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>For questions about the Dental Benefit, contact Michele Craig:</p> <p>Michelle Craig 303-866-5147 michele.craig@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203</p>



<p>C. Budget and Enrollments</p> <p>D. Community Transitions</p> <p>E. Attendee Comments and Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group indicated that while many stakeholders have been upset by this pending change that overall this is a great benefit for people and is appreciated. <p>Budget and Enrollments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department’s Briefings and Hearings were held throughout December, staff believe they went well. In follow up to question from last month, SPALs will increase with any rate increases approved by the General Assembly for Fiscal Year 2015-16. Expenditure table and Caseload Report for December distributed. Staff will provide update on content of any released Supplemental Budget Requests at the January meeting. <p>Community Transitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides reviewed. Explanation of “On Hold for External Reasons” will be researched and provided at next month’s meeting. <p>Attendee Comments and Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New standing agenda item as a forum for attendees to share non-HCPF related information that impacts the community. While group seemed pleased to have this as a standing agenda item, they did not have any comments or announcements to share. 	<p>For 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 January 23, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the MS Society, 900 South Broadway, Denver, CO 80209</p>	

