

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

September 26, 2014  
10:30am-12:30pm

OMNI Institute, The Logan Building: 899 Logan Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Denver CO 80203

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| Community Invitees Present: |  | State Staff Invitees Present: |  |
| Cassidy Dellamonache        |  | Adam Tucker - DIDD            |  |
| Carol Meredith              |  | Laura DeVries – DRCO/DHS      |  |
| Grace Ormsby                |  | Lauren Stanislao – DIDD       |  |
| Julie Farrar                |  | Lori Thompson – DIDD          |  |
| Kasey Daniel                |  |                               |  |
| Lisa Franklin*              |  |                               |  |
| Sam Ormsby                  |  |                               |  |
| Jeanne Weis                 |  |                               |  |
| Gerrie Frohne               |  |                               |  |
| Valerie Saiz*               |  |                               |  |
| Marijo Rymer                |  |                               |  |
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| *Attended by phone          |  |                               |  |

| Agenda Item   | Status/Decisions Made  | Assignments/Commitments  |
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| 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"> <li>• Everyone introduced themselves.</li> <li>• Summary not reviewed in the interest of time</li> <li>• Contact Joanne Svenningsen with questions or concerns about the content of the August 2014 meeting summary.</li> </ul> | <p>Questions about the summary or the meeting:</p> <p>Joanne Svenningsen<br/> 303-866-5161<br/> <a href="mailto:Joanne.Svenningsen@state.co.us">Joanne.Svenningsen@state.co.us</a><br/> 1570 Grant St.<br/> Denver, CO 80203</p> |

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| <p>II. Community Transition Slides and HB 14-1338 Regional Center Task Force Update</p> | <p><b>Community Transition Slides</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura DeVries reviewed Community Transition slides provided as an attachment.</li> <li>• Staff reviewed three models of DRCO transitions and provided an in-depth review of the number of individuals within each model and the criteria of each model.</li> <li>• Census of all three Regional Centers is 266 and 168 of these individuals are ready to transition through one of the DRCO Transition Models.</li> </ul> <p><b>HB 14-1338 Regional Center Task Force</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marijo Rymer reviewed current update of Regional Center Task Force</li> <li>• Task Force is scheduled to meet for one year to define and make recommendations regarding future use of the Regional Centers.</li> <li>• Task Force has completed three meetings thus far and will be touring Wheat Ridge Regional Center during the next meeting.</li> </ul>   | <p>Questions regarding Community Transition Slides:</p> <p>Laura DeVries<br/>303-866-5746<br/><a href="mailto:Laura.Devries@state.co.us">Laura.Devries@state.co.us</a><br/>1575 Sherman St.<br/>Denver, CO 80203</p>  |
| <p>III. New Business</p> <p>A. Federal HCBS Settings Rule</p> <p>B. 1915 (i) Update</p> | <p><b>Federal HCBS Settings Rule</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition plan submission to CMS on track for September 30, 2014.</li> <li>• Toolkit received from CMS which provides guidance for states in developing the transition plan.</li> <li>• Transition plan developed by LTSS/DIDD are consistent with CMS requirements of toolkit.</li> <li>• Staff is working on responses to public comment, with a target date of Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> to put comments into clearance.</li> </ul> <p><b>1915 (i) Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 people are co-enrolled in the HCBS-SLS Waiver and the 1915 (i) State Plan Benefit.</li> <li>• These individuals transferred from the 1115 Demonstration Waiver.</li> <li>• Department staff are meeting with a few of these families on Monday, September 30, 2014, to ask the families to work with the Department regarding the implications of moving CDASS into the HCBS-SLS Waiver.</li> <li>• Department staff will review with these families what is working and what the expectations are regarding moving CDASS into HCBS-SLS so that Department staff may use this information to build a comprehensive CDASS benefit in the HCBS-SLS Waiver.</li> <li>• Attendees requested information regarding stakeholder input for the transition of CDASS into HCBS-SLS.</li> </ul> | <p>For questions regarding HCBS Settings Rule:</p> <p><b>Adam Tucker</b><br/>303-866-5472<br/><a href="mailto:Adam.Tucker@state.co.us">Adam.Tucker@state.co.us</a><br/>1570 Grant St.<br/>Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>For questions regarding 1915 (i):</p> <p><b>Lori Thompson</b><br/>303-866-5142<br/><a href="mailto:Lori.Thompson@state.co.us">Lori.Thompson@state.co.us</a><br/>1570 Grant St.<br/>Denver, CO 80203</p> |

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| <p>C. Human Rights Committee</p>   | <p><b>Human Rights Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff are researching the roles and responsibilities of HRCs across the nation.</li> <li>• Staff will attend the October CCB Case Management Director Meeting to review the use and management of “off-list” medications.</li> </ul> <p><b>Family Caregiver</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department staff are scheduled to meet with Mary Glatz on October 10, 2014, to discuss collaboration regarding a Family Caregiver training.</li> </ul>  | <p>For questions regarding Family Caregiver:</p> <p><b>Michele Craig</b><br/>303-866-5147<br/><a href="mailto:Michele.Craig@state.co.us">Michele.Craig@state.co.us</a><br/>1570 Grant St.<br/>Denver, CO 80203</p>   |
| <p>IV. Updates on Division Business</p> <p>D. NCI Update</p> <p>E. HCBS Conference</p> <p>F. HB 14-1051 Elimination of the Waiting List</p> <p>G. HB 14-1368 Foster Care Youth Transitions</p> | <p><b>NCI Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DIDD is preparing for the second year of NCI. It is estimated that results from the first year of NCI will be provided to all stakeholders Spring 2015.</li> <li>• Face to Face interviews with clients are expected to begin in January 2015.</li> <li>• Clients have been randomly selected and are asked to participate. Participation is voluntary.</li> <li>• This fall surveys will be mailed out to families/guardians of randomly selected individuals.</li> </ul> <p><b>HCBS Conference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department staff attended the national HCBS conference in Crystal City, VA from September 15-18, 2014.</li> <li>• Brittani Trujillo and staff from HCBS Strategies presented on the process being used in Colorado for the selection of a new ULTC 100.2 Tool.</li> <li>• Brittani Trujillo also attended an intensive session regarding the HCBS settings rule.</li> <li>• Staff will provide an overview of conference topics at subsequent meetings.</li> <li>• Conference website has a list of speakers, topics covered, and associated presentation materials: <a href="http://nasuad.org/hcbs-conference">http://nasuad.org/hcbs-conference</a></li> </ul> <p><b>HB 14-1051- Elimination of the Waiting List</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department staff working to draft a strategic plan.</li> <li>• Staff engaged Civic Canopy to facilitate five community engagement meetings, which were communicated to stakeholders via Communication Brief on August 28, 2014.</li> <li>• Civic Canopy will be conducting Key Informant Interviews.</li> <li>• Please contact Emily Blanford with any questions.</li> </ul> <p><b>HB 14-1368 – Foster Care Youth Transition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of August 31, 2014, there are 148 youth aged 18 years or older who may transfer to the adult developmental disability system if it is determined to be in the best interest of the youth with consideration from the youth’s choice and</li> </ul> | <p>For questions regarding NCI Update:</p> <p>Yasmin Gardner<br/>303-866-5150<br/><a href="mailto:Yasmin.Gardner@state.co.us">Yasmin.Gardner@state.co.us</a><br/>1570 Grant St.<br/>Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>For questions regarding HB 14-1051 Elimination of the Waiting List or HB 14-1368 Foster Care Youth Transitions:</p> <p><b>Lori Thompson</b><br/>303-866-5142<br/><a href="mailto:Lori.Thompson@state.co.us">Lori.Thompson@state.co.us</a><br/>1570 Grant Street<br/>Denver, CO 80203</p> |

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| <p>H. CES Waiver Renewal</p> <p>I. Personal Care in the State Plan</p> <p>J. Dental Benefit Update</p> <p>K. Supported Employment</p> | <p>the legal system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 of these 148 youth have enrolled into the adult developmental disability system.</li> </ul> <p><b>CES Renewal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CES Waiver renewal deadline has been extended to December 31, 2014.</li> <li>• Respite provided under the waiver as a provision of ‘day care’ provided to adolescents while a parent works is now available under Youth Day Services.</li> <li>• Care for the sibling of a participant is not allowed and is reflected in the new waiver.</li> </ul> <p><b>Personal Care in the State Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HPSS adding Personal Care to EPSDT in January 2015.</li> <li>• Assessment will require Class A and Class B Agencies to perform client assessments on acuity using the selected tool.</li> <li>• This tool along with the care plan and clinical documentation will be used to determine personal care hours.</li> <li>• Staff planning and additional stakeholder meeting regarding the benefit. This meeting is scheduled October 7, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., in the first floor conference room at 225 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue.</li> <li>• Public Notice process to happen before the Medical Services Board final reading.</li> <li>• Staff cooperating with HPSS and DHS staff regarding overlap with DHS administered Home Care Allowance and Waiver Services.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dental Benefit Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADA mean fee schedule is to be the basis for the rates paid under the \$1,000 State Plan Benefit for SLS and DD clients.</li> <li>• ADA Mean fee schedule is also the basis for the rate methodology documented in the waiver applications for the SLS and DD Waivers.</li> <li>• Staff are developing Technical Assistance for case managers.</li> <li>• Current implementation date with DentaQuest is January 2, 2015.</li> <li>• Provider enrollment slated to start as soon as rates have been finalized.</li> <li>• Target date for release of Communication Brief is October 1, 2014.</li> </ul> <p><b>Supported Employment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group employment has increased to 26%. The national average as of 2012 is 22.5%.</li> <li>• Individualized employment is currently at 9.4%.</li> <li>• Michele Craig and Scott Leroy with DVR are travelling around the state to all catchment areas to provide technical assistance and build relationships. All</li> </ul> | <p>For questions regarding CES Waiver Renewal:</p> <p><b>Sheila Peil</b><br/>303-866-5156<br/><a href="mailto:Sheila.Peil@state.co.us">Sheila.Peil@state.co.us</a><br/>1570 Grant St.<br/>Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>For questions regarding Personal Care in the State Plan:</p> <p><b>Lori Thompson</b><br/>303-866-5142<br/><a href="mailto:Lori.Thompson@state.co.us">Lori.Thompson@state.co.us</a><br/>1570 Grant St.<br/>Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>For questions about the Dental Benefit or Supported Employment, please contact Michele Craig:</p> <p><b>Michelle Craig</b><br/>303-866-5147<br/><a href="mailto:michele.craig@state.co.us">michele.craig@state.co.us</a><br/>1570 Grant Street<br/>Denver, CO 80203</p> |
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