

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

October 24, 2014
 10:30am-12:30pm

OMNI Institute, The Logan Building: 899 Logan Street, 6th Floor, Denver CO 80203

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| Community Invitees Present: | | State Staff Invitees Present: | |
| Cassidy Dellamonache | | Adam Tucker - DIDD | |
| Carol Meredith | | Joanne Svenningsen- DIDD | |
| Julie Farrar | | | |
| Kasey Daniel | | | |
| Lisa Franklin | | | |
| Marcia Tewell | | | |
| Jennifer Woods* | | | |
| Gerrie Frohne | | | |
| Heidi Haines | | | |
| 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"> • Everyone introduced themselves. • Summary reviewed, no questions raised. • Contact Joanne Svenningsen with questions or concerns about the content of the September 2014 meeting summary. | <p>Questions about the summary or the meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joanne Svenningsen 303-866-5161 Joanne.Svenningsen@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p> |

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| <p>II. HB 14-1338 Regional Center Task Force Key Informant Interviews</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMA Associates has been retained by the Department of Human Services to draft the report to the General Assembly regarding the strategic plan for HB 14-1338. • HMA staff are hoping to ensure a broad cross section of the IDD stakeholder community are engaged and will be conducting interviews over the next three weeks. • Staff are happy to interview anyone who is willing. • Please provide names and numbers to Joanne today. • Everyone will be contacted, irrespective of whether they are interviewed. • Joanne collected names of interested attendees and will pass them along to HMA staff. | <p>Questions regarding HB 14-1338 Key Informant Interviews:</p> <p>Joanne Svenningsen 303-866-5161 Joanne.Svenningsen@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p> |
| <p>III. New Business</p> <p>A. Office of Community Living Director</p> <p>B. CDASS in SLS</p> | <p>Office of Community Living Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jed Ziegenhagen has been selected to lead the Office of Community Living. • Mr. Ziegenhagen has been with the Department for 15 years. He was previously the Deputy Medicaid Director under Suzanne Brennan and the Director of the Long Term Services and Supports Division, Sarah Roberts reported to Mr. Ziegenhagen. • Mr. Ziegenhagen has previously served as the Director of the Rates and Analysis Division; he has also served as the manager of both the Rates Section and the Data Section. • The Office of Community Living Director reports directly to Director Birch, but the role will necessarily require a reporting structure that includes the Medicaid Director given the core responsibilities of the Medicaid Director. • Suzanne Brennan, the Medicaid Director, also tendered her resignation. Director Brennan's last day is Monday, December 1, 2014. • Joanne Svenningsen will extend an invitation to the Advocates' Communication Meeting to Mr. Ziegenhagen. <p>CDASS in SLS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department is initiating a task group around its plans to expand the CDASS service delivery option into SLS. • Communication brief regarding the group was sent October 15, 2014. • Department staff are conducting Key Informant Interviews to help frame the work of the group. • Interest forms for the Group are due October 31, 2014 to Roberta Aceves. • Dates group is meeting are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ November 7, 2014 ○ November 21, 2014 ○ December 5, 2014 | <p>Questions regarding the appointment of Jed Ziegenhagen as Office Director:</p> <p>Barbara D. Ramsey 303-866-5140 Barbara.ramsey@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>For questions regarding CDASS in SLS:</p> <p>Roberta Aceves 303-866-5145 Roberta.Aceves@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p> |

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| <p>C. November and December Meetings rescheduling reminder</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ December 19, 2014 ○ January 23, 2015 ● Contact Roberta Aceves with any questions about CDASS in SLS. <p>November and December Meetings rescheduling reminder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The November Advocates’ Communications meeting will be held Friday, November 21, 2014 at OMNI. ● The December Advocates’ Communication Meeting will be held Friday, December 19, 2014 at OMNI. ● Contact Joanne Svenningsen with any questions about the meeting. ● Lisa Franklin will be checking to see if parking reimbursement is possible for a \$4 range. ● Joanne Svenningsen will check on using the MS Society for a future meeting as well as the origin of the parking reimbursement for the Duals project. | |
| <p>IV. Updates on Division Business</p> <p>A. Federal HCBS Settings Rule</p> <p>B. NCI Update</p> | <p>Federal HCBS Settings Rule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All public comment has been received. ● The Department plans on sharing the responses to the public comment the first week of November. <p>NCI Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. ● Face to Face interviews with clients are expected to begin in January 2015. ● Clients have been randomly selected and are asked to participate. Participation is voluntary. ● This fall surveys will be mailed out to families/guardians of randomly selected individuals. ● Staff are doing a quality check on addresses from BUS for mail out surveys in concert with the USPS. If mismatches determined, CCBs will be notified. | <p>For questions regarding HCBS Settings Rule:</p> <p>Adam Tucker 303-866-5472 Adam.Tucker@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>For questions regarding NCI Update:</p> <p>Yasmin Gardner 303-866-5150 Yasmin.Gardner@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p> |

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| <p>C. 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"> • Final meeting was held October 16, 2014 in Denver. • Feedback about the process/willingness to address the issues presented by the waiting list was generally positive. • The report is due to the General Assembly November 1, 2014. • The report will be updated quarterly and is to be seen as a living document – the legislation only requires annual updates. • Discussion included a request that staff more familiar with HB 14-1051 attend the next meeting to address the final document, the Autism benefit, and the long-term plans for Community First Choice. | <p>For questions regarding HB 14-1051:</p> <p>Emily Blanford 303-866-5141 Emily.Blanford@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p> |
| <p>D. HB 14-1368 – Foster Care Youth Transitions</p> | <p>HB 14-1368- Foster Care Youth Transitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 clients have completed enrollment in adult DD services from foster care. • Staff will work to get breakdown by waiver. | <p>For questions regarding HB 14-1368, CES Waiver Renewal, or Personal Care in the State Plan:</p> |
| <p>E. CES Renewal</p> | <p>CES Renewal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HCBS-CES waiver has been submitted to CMS for final review. | <p>Sheila Peil 303-866-5156 Sheila.Peil@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p> |
| <p>F. Personal Care in the State Plan</p> | <p>Personal Care in the State Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HPSS adding Pediatric Personal Care to Medicaid State plan in January 2015. • Assessment will require Class A and Class B Agencies to perform client assessments on acuity using the selected tool. • This tool along with the care plan and clinical documentation will be used to determine personal care hours. • HPSS Staff held additional stakeholder meeting regarding the benefit. This meeting was held today, October 7, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., staff will provide updates at November meeting. • Public Notice process to happen before the Medical Services Board final reading, this rule will go in front of MSB in November. • Staff cooperating with HPSS and DHS staff regarding overlap with DHS administered Home Care Allowance and Waiver Services. | |
| <p>G. State Plan Dental Benefit Update</p> | <p>State Plan Dental Benefit Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provider recruitment and enrollment started September 30, 2014. • ADA mean rates are set, just adding more major procedure codes for procedures covered by the Waiver and not the State Plan (i.e. bridges, implants, and mouth guards) | |

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| <p>H. Supported Employment</p> <p>I. Budget & Enrollments</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target implementation date with DentaQuest is January 2, 2015, but date may move due to operational challenges. • Attendees requested brief interim communication from Department about the status of the Dental Benefit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Here's what's happening ○ Here's why things are changing <p>Supported Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michele Craig was at a SELN Conference this week. Reported that Colorado is either on par or ahead of other states in terms of their relationships with DVR. • The MOU in process with DVR states that DVR must spend 15% of their budget on youth transitions. As the SLS wait list continues to be tackled, this relationship will continue to pay dividends as the DVR funds will go to support transitions that will be moved forward with the SLS waiver SE benefit. • June Supported Employment data had 9.2% clients receiving individualized employment services and 25.1% of clients receiving group services. • The numbers show a small decrease from the previous month. • Overall there were actually five more people who received Supported Employment in June but an overall increase of 58 participants between both waivers. • All five clients received Individualized Employment. • New Supported Employment data won't be available until after November 1st, but data on people receiving Job Development supports as well as working include in the MOU with DVR data on referrals to DVR and closures with DVR will be added at that time. • Attendees expressed frustration with the change in format of the Employment Task Group from a policy-focused, in-person meeting with Michele Craig to a monthly TA-based call. • Joanne Svenningsen articulated that the change was likely due to a refocusing of efforts on operational concerns, but will verify this and report back at the next meeting. <p>Expenditures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCB Monthly Report covering July through September of FY 2014-15 distributed. The report is an initial snapshot of the first quarter, although billing may still come in pursuant to the 120 day timely filing rule for billing. • Report shows clients served and expenditures as reported in MMIS by payment date. • In CES, the Department is serving 444 more clients over the same timeframe in September of 2013, total expenditures for quarter at 15% of total appropriation. | <p>For questions about the Dental Benefit or Supported Employment, please contact Michele Craig:</p> <p>Michelle Craig 303-866-5147 michele.craig@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203</p> |
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| <p>J. Community Transition Metrics</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the DD Waiver, the Department is serving 302 more clients than it was serving in September of 2013. This line is spending at 23.93% of the total appropriation. • For SLS, an additional 11 unduplicated clients are being served over the same timeframe as last year. A little over 14% of the total appropriation has been expended. • For TCM, there is an increase in clients served of 1,085 over last year, attesting to the increase in overall enrollments across the three waivers. Total expenditure at 20% for 1st quarter. <p>Under expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At this time, there is a possibility of another under expenditure based on the preliminary Q1 expenditure report since current expenditures are only \$6 million over last year's expenditures for the same timeframe. • Attendees requested statistics on why clients decline enrollments and shared that there are reports that there is a 4-6 month wait on psych evaluations in Northern Colorado, which may be contributing to delays. <p>Community Transition Metrics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides distributed, but not discussed in the interest of time. | <p>For questions regarding Budgets and Enrollments:</p> <p>Emily Blanford 303-866-5141 Emily.Blanford@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p> |
| <p>V. Adjournment</p> | <p>The next Advocates' Communication Meeting will be November 21, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the OMNI Institute, 899 Logan St. 6th Floor, Denver, CO 80203</p> | |