

**Coordinating Subcommittee for Division of Developmental Disabilities
(Meeting Summary)
January 6, 2015**

The Coordinating Subcommittee for Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Services met at the AIDT Center. The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Courtney W. Tarver, Associate Commissioner.

Voting Members Present

Jeffery E. Williams/ ADMH/DD Representative
Jo Poates/ AAMRDD Representative
Wallace Davis (DeAnna Ferguson), Other Providers Representative
Terry Pezent/The Arc of Alabama Representative
Wade Reese/The Arc of Alabama Representative
Anne Penney, Alabama Council Representative
Elmyra Jones, Alabama Council on Developmental Disabilities Representative

Visitors

James Tucker/ADAP
Lou Vick/The Arc of Walker County
Lee Conner/Visitor
Daphne Rosalis/ADMH/DD
Andy Slate/ADMH/DD
Anthony Couch/ADMH/DD
George Neal/ADMH/DD
Byron White/ADMH/DD
Chris Stewart/The Arc of Jefferson County
Beverly Hudson/ADMH/DD
Zane Welch/PHP of Alabama
Patti Martin/ADMH/DD
Connie Batiste/ADMH/DD
JoAnn Bennett/ADMH/DD
Eleanor Tolbert/ADMH/DD
Barbara Huguley/ADMH/DD
Joe Carter/Glenwood
Susan Ellis/People First
Brittany Gore/People First
Gary Edwards/UCP Birmingham

Recorder

Shirley Hicks

Approval of December 2014, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Williams to accept the minutes as presented, and the motion was properly seconded by Ms. Pezent. The motion was approved.

Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Reese to approve the agenda, it was seconded by Ms. Poates, and passed.

Associate Commissioner's Report

- Additional public comments were received regarding the waiver. A response to the public comments was prepared, summarized, and submitted to Medicaid.
- Medicaid has asked CMS for another extension on the waiver. In the meantime, DDD will be operating from the current waiver.
- Also, a summary response to comments was posted on ADMH's website today.
- An update regarding the ODEP core state technical assistance project was presented. As indicated at the previous Subcommittee meeting, DDD received the opportunity by ODEP/Department of Labor to apply for additional technical assistance, and the Employment Interagency Team selected the "Provider Transformation" for technical assistance. One hundred and fifty (150) hours of subject matter expertise (SME) plus the Vision Quest subject matter technical assistance on rate restructuring will be provided to Alabama. These are in addition to ODEP's monthly webinars. The provider transformation has been divided into two areas and DDD requested one SME to assist state agencies with focusing on our state team plans and services coordination, one SME for ID provider focus and one for comprehensive mental health center provider focus. We will also have to develop a website on employment resources for families.

Budget

- An update of the budget was presented.
- DDD is in the process of finalizing the budget.
- Additional funding requested to better cover costs of existing waiver slots, a rate increase (5%) across the board for direct services and case management and some additional infrastructure needs amounting to a little less than \$15 M new state dollars was noted. This was well received by the Finance Director.

Legislative Update

- The Alabama Legislative Session begins March 3, 2015. The Legislative Organizational Session begins next week.
- Everyone was asked to forward legislative issues to Jane Davis/ADMH.
- Legislation related to DDD was discussed by the group. Laws and Acts pertaining to DDD that possibly need to be amended or appeal. Although DDD still highly support the sentiment of the Employment First Bill, ADMH/DD will not take the lead on the Bill this session but will support stakeholders who do. ADMH/DD will focus on outlining in multiagency agreements with our state interagency employment teams, the steps that can and will be taken by state

agencies within their existing authority to help make employment for people with significant disabilities a reality.

- There was a discussion about individuals not being able to obtain the appropriate records from the school system due to the current Department of Education rules and regulations regarding how long individuals' school records are maintained. Individuals who are not able to obtain the appropriate identification and records that are required for waiver determination are significantly hindered in attaining waiver ineligibility. It was suggested by Ms. Ellis that the Department of Education and ADMH/DD regional offices collaborate and establish a protocol regarding what school records are needed in order to coordinate waiver eligibility for individuals. The school records can be scanned electronically. The Associate Commissioner noted he will raise this issue with the Interagency Employment Team representative from Special Education.
- There were comments regarding the definitions of ID and DD in reference to who founded or created the definitions for ID and DD.

Pilot Updates

- Mrs. Martin noted that progress is being made and progress is moving forward as planned. An abstract of the meaningful day pilots has been prepared and distributed. Copies of the abstract are available today if anyone is interested in receiving a copy. Please email Mrs. Martin for an electronic version of the abstract.
- Mr. Tucker inquired about the approval of the Region I pilot site and also about the timeframe for receiving the first individualized person centered plan. Currently, the approval of the Region I pilot site has not been confirmed. The first individualized person centered plan will materialize in February. Some of the Person Centered Planning and Personal Outcome Measures Training will be held January 26-27, 2015, conducted by Mr. Williams and Mrs. Baptiste. The piloted agencies will then be scheduled for the additional four-day training. Information will be forwarded on the training. Corrections were noted for the Region III site, which is Cahaba:

Region I – Still Negotiating
Region II – West Alabama Mental Health
Region III – Cahaba (Comprehensive)
Region IV – Vivian B. Adams (ID Specific)
Region V – Calhoun Cleburne 310 Board

The Associate Commissioner noted as has been noted in previous subcommittee meetings that any new and different types of pilot ideas are welcomed and will be considered.

Waiting List Update

Mr. Williams presented the waiting list update. The current status being 3,177.

- 2,129 waiting, no services provided

- 956 waiting, partially served
- 38 waiting, no services, not critical
- 54 waiting, partially served, not critical
- A discussion was held about the attrition waiver slots. Also, there was a discussion about reserved waiver slots for Project Search participants. Dr. Edwards commented that the reserved slots for the Project Search participants from UCP never materialized.
- Ms. Rosalis noted that DDD has reserved waiver slots under the Living At Home Waiver for Project Search participants, but the individuals must first be eligible to receive waiver services.

New Business/Old Business

- No new business/old business noted.

Announcements

- Mr. Tucker announced the ADAP Public Advisory Meeting will be held January 30, 2015 in Tuscaloosa. A notice will be forward to the Associate Commissioner for distribution.

Next Meeting

The next DD Subcommittee Meeting will be held February 3, 2015, at AIDT.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



Courtney W. Tarver, Associate Commissioner
Division of Developmental Disabilities



Shirley Hicks
Recorder