

**Intellectual Disability Partnership Advisory Committee (IDPAC)**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**4/25/19**

Convened at 2:05pm.

Present: Rick Sebastian (Kennedy Center), Win Evarts (parent), Barry Simon (Oak Hill), Commissioner Jordan Scheff (DDS), Katie Rock-Burns (DDS), Deputy Commissioner Peter Mason (DDS), Scott McWilliams (DDS), Shelly Maynes (OPM), Andrea Barton-Reeves (Harc), Adrienne Benjamin (parent), Marina Derman (parent), Kate McEvoy (DSS).

Absent: Andrea Barton-Reeves (Harc), Judy Dowd (OPM), Lauren Traceski (self-advocate).

**1. Review of Minutes – 1/31/19 meeting**

**2. Public Comment**

None.

**3. Update on priority areas**

***Employment:***

Katie Rock-Burns gave an update on the current status of applications for Employment grants and shared that the intent is to offer the same grant opportunity in the next fiscal year.

Marina Derman shared that communication to families, individuals, and other businesses was somewhat limited and asked for consideration to be given to a stronger communications plan for the next round.

The group discussed the upcoming provider Employment Transformation conference. Providers asked that clarification be shared on expectations around completion of the self-assessment tool prior to the conference.

***Blended Services***

Deputy Commissioner Mason gave an update on the Blended Services pilot program, including examples of successes. The group discussed potential improvements to the program for next year, including a pre/post-survey on satisfaction, information available in Spanish, and stronger messaging about the benefits of the program. DDS may start a wait list for this service if interest continues to grow.

Rick Sebastian shared that this pilot not only allows for individuals' needs to be met seamlessly, but also creates efficiency in the provider system. Win Evarts suggested that this efficiency be captured and shared, perhaps by looking at provider audits. The group discussed the fact that a total move to a Blended Services system would require legislative approval of this change in budget structure.

### ***Assistive Technology***

Katie Rock-Burns shared that the regions have been working with providers to fund training on use of assistive technology to support individuals. She also shared that DDS would be releasing a new funding opportunity related to assistive technology.

Kate McEvoy shared that home adaptation and assistive technology are service types now available in all waivers and Community First Choice, but is also becoming a new focus in other areas, as well.

### ***Provider Readiness***

The group discussed whether to bring the MTM consultant back in June, as originally planned. There were no updates to share on a timeline for movement toward provider direct billing. No final decision was made.

## **4. Next steps**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25pm.

***IDPAC Priorities  
Finalized 8/22/18***

1. **Employment:** support alternative business models or alternative models of support that would employ or encourage the employment of people with intellectual disability through education and consideration of the establishment of a revolving loan fund for startup costs.
2. **Blended Services:** establish a combination residential/day services account to pilot blended services for a small group of individuals.
3. **Assistive Technology:** fund provider staff training on how to properly implement and promote assistive technology.
4. **Provider Readiness:** offer provider readiness analysis and education in the area of Medicaid direct billing.