

**Legislative Advisory Committee for Reimbursements for Services Under Programs
Administered by the Department of Developmental Services**

February 9, 2010
Legislative Office Building - Room 1C
2:30 P.M.

Attendees: Sen. Jonathan Harris, Co-Chair; Pat Bourne, Co-Chair; Jerry Brennan, Kuhn Employment Opportunities; Terry Macy, SARAH-Tuxis; Janice Chamberlain, Camp Horizons Program, Inc.; Joseph Drexler, DDS; Peter Mason, DDS; Anne Foley, OPM; Mickey Herbst, Arc of Connecticut; Mary McKay, DDS; Kathryn duPree, Deputy Commissioner of DDS; Krista Pender, DDS; Rep. Betsy Ritter; Gary Richter, DSS

Summary of Meeting

Handouts: Agenda, Areas of Concern/Questions for the Rate Study Committee

1. Review of 2/1/10 Summary of Meeting - Accepted
2. Review of Comments/Concerns regarding Attendance Based Reimbursement (handout)
The list of concerns submitted were grouped into headings that addressed the general theme of the concern. These will be addressed by the various sub-committees.

DDS has had a number of forums where different levels of detail were presented on the attendance based reimbursement, rate transition and background information. However, all members of the Advisory Committee may not have been included in some of these presentations. DDS offered to present this information to the Advisory Committee at a future meeting as it may address some of these concerns as well.

3. Sub-Committee Membership List
DDS submitted names for Co-Chairs for each sub-committee (see below). The Sub-committee Membership list was distributed for Committee members to sign up for the various sub-committees. Other interested parties who are not appointed to the Advisory Committee, but would like to serve on a sub-committee, should contact Pat Bourne no later than Feb. 16th. Clarification on individuals who were not appointed members serving on sub-committees will be obtained. Senator Harris will then submit those names through the approval process.

The Co-Chairs will set their meeting dates/times and the agendas to address the issues. Reports will be presented at future Advisory Committee meetings for review and comment.

- a. Medicaid Waiver Requirements and analysis of waiver regulations
Co-Chair: Mickey Herbst; Co-Chair: Mary McKay
- b. Level of Need (LON): how are methodologies linked to funding
Co-Chair: Terry Macy; Co-Chair: Joe Drexler
- c. Attendance-based/fee for service and Implications for service delivery
Co-Chair: Pat Bourne; Co-Chair: Peter Mason
- d. IT hardware and software: review and recommendations for billing and documentation
Co-Chair: Janice Chamberlain; Co-Chair: Krista Pender

4. Future Meeting Schedule

Advisory Committee meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month. The proposed time of 9:30 A.M. interfered with a standing DDS meeting so another time will try to be arranged*. The location for each meeting will be determined prior to that month's meeting.

5. Other Issues

- Supported Employment Individual (SEI) Program:

A separate issue that was not originally addressed is the significant impact that the changes in the reimbursement system for Supported Employment Individual (SEI) program.

Information provided on group programs was helpful to providers so that they could take necessary steps to manage the impact within their agencies. However, providers haven't been given any information on the SEI program allowing them to address the significant impact this will have on their agency and allow them to make necessary changes.

DDS has not yet done a full analysis at this time as their main focus has been on the attendance based system. However, they recognize that for some providers the impact to their SEI program could be substantial. DDS's next priority is to look at the impact on the SEI programs to ensure that providers don't experience large losses.

An agreement with DDS was made to meet with a few providers who are affected by this to look at the SEI issues to help minimize the impact and how best to handle this issue.

- Clarification on Committee's Role:

While DDS has already moved forward on the attendance based payment system, the Committee will be able to review the attendance factor and other aspects and make recommendations. DDS is has not moved forward with the Level of Need Based Rate System and this remains to be addressed by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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