

LON Subcommittee
March 26, 2010

Members present: Co-Chairs Joseph Drexler, Terrence Macy, DDS staff Peter Mason, Deb Duval. Private Sector Representatives Mary Pat Decarlo, Stan Soby

Deb Duval reported on Cindy's responses to our questions. Essentially Cindy concluded there was no reason to pursue any additional studies. The tool has been validated and unless there were significant structural changes to its design its integrity stands. Further support for this position is found in the fact that there have been few challenges to the scoring. Cindy feels the tool provides very reliable findings. As previously reported, the larger issue is the actual completion of the LON itself by staff and the accuracy of their assessment of an individual's abilities/needs.

Joe presented two charts (see attached) on demographics by day services contract data. The two largest programs included Group Supported Employment and Day Support Options. While there were approximately 100 cases where people had multiple programs which created duplication of data, Joe felt the information was very accurate. The line chart data illustrates the spread of LON scores one would expect to find across the population served. The bar graph depicts the range of costs across LON levels for just Group Supported Employment and Day Service Potions programs. As with the previous chart, the findings are as one would expect.

The group discussed the more complex populations that created the class of "Outliers". This includes people with Prader Willi, pica, persons with hearing impairment, the elderly and people with autism. There was discussion about how LON scores may change for these people across age groups. It was proposed to study them in 10 year bands starting at middle age. As DDS has good data on such subsets Joe will gather this information for our next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on April 9th at 1:30 pm at Ct Nonprofits.