

IHS RATE SETTING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES.

OCTOBER 21, 2013

ATTENDEES; Peter Mason, Pat Grygorcewicz, Mark Kovitch, Lee Combrinck-Graham.

1. Committee reviewed the minutes from the prior meeting.
2. Discussion began with the topic of putting the IHS funding information on Shared Point so that it can be used by case managers and be available at IP meetings and other client meetings. By having this information the team can develop an authorization at the meeting to be submitted. If the authorization goes over the LON allocation a request would be developed and forwarded to PRAT for approval.
3. Providers will be able to access an authorization on the Web Site and put in the information and then see what funding should be approved.
4. Pat brought up examples of issues that have come up with case managers not understanding the new system, one example is case managers are saying they have to go to PRAT for ANY increases at this time which is not the case.
5. Mary Pat and Pat both discussed the concerns expressed by several agencies that with the new rates and the fact that agencies providing Family in home supports are not receiving the "Safety net" dollars they are now losing money. Mary Pat gave Peter an email from Marrakech expressing their concerns. Peter agreed to look at the actuals spending in the IHS program for the first quarter and see if any assistance could be made.
6. Pat expressed another concern that Resource Management is not allowing agencies to use their allotted funds over the entire year. Peter was going to look into this.
7. A question came up as to how does DCF pay for supports for a child in a Bio Home. Mary Pat found that DCF pays a provider directly and the amount will is not a set amount but is based on needs.
8. Health Care Coordination Services will be provided by authorized and contracted providers come January 1st.
9. The committee began discussing the differences between IHS staff and personal support staff. It was agreed that committee members would go back to their staff and see what task they defined as personal supports vs. IHS supports.
10. Next meeting is November 22 at 9am.