

IHS RATE SETTING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 4, 2012

Attendees: Peter Mason, Pat Grygorcewicz, Steven Becker, Mark Kovitch, Jamie Louchen, Shannon Obrien.

1. Committee reviewed the minutes.
2. Peter gave the committee an update on the work the overall rate committee is doing. It was announced that the implementation of the CLA rates will be postponed until July of 2013. The IHS rates will be implemented on or about January 1, 2013, both for contracts and individual budgets.
3. The committee discussed the options for building the rates. The idea that all agreed to was that there would be a "Base monthly" rate that would take in to account for providing a "safety net" for the individual. This would include funding for overnight on-call supports , overnight direct supports, and more complex support needs. Then based on the LON, hours for direct service would be determined. If behavioral or nursing services are needed that would then be added, with a final budget determined. The questions to be asked now are how many hours of direct support should someone be eligible for based on their LON, and what is that hourly rate for the direct supports.
4. The committee went on to review data for the agencies on the committee and their number of hours of service given to those IHS clients on their master contract. That data was compared to the suggested hours of service. The findings were mixed however it seemed as though the initial suggested hours of service were high. The committee then looked at the same comparison with revised hours based on the actual hours supported over FY012 as reported in WebResDay attendance system. The findings were still mixed. The committee agreed to do more comparisons and to look at the utilization of supports for those individuals authorized through individual budgets.
5. Next meeting to be determined through Doodle survey.