

Sustainability Work Group Minutes

April 25, 2012

Central Office Conference Room A

- **Introductions**

Each member of the group present introduced themselves and what stakeholder group they were representing. Members present were Margaret Beglinger, Bob Thureson, Jamar Cherry, Peter Mason, Pat Dillon and Walter Glomb.

The Co-chair representing CCPA was not present and when contacted were informed he will be retiring. We will need another CCPA representative to Co Chair this sub-committee.

Stacie Silva-Gordon was absent for this meeting.

- **Update on the work of the full committee**

Peter Mason provided an overview of what has brought the state to develop uniform LON based rates. Waiver regulations stipulate that individuals should have choice of service and provider of support and that they should be able to move as desired. Our historic funding methodologies made this difficult as there were different rates based on historic practice. DDS began the transition to LON based rates 1/1/12 and the plan is to begin the transition in Residential on 1/1/13. The larger steering committee is working on the rate development but there are additional factors to consider other than an individual LON. Group is in the process of developing a spreadsheet to track certain components and once finalized this survey will be sent to providers for completion. Although the current timeframe for roll out is 1/1/13, DDS is open to making sure that the process works for everyone.

All materials and minutes will be on the DDS Website using the following path:

DDS Website

Providers

Transition to Rates

Day

Residential

Minutes of all committee meetings will be posted there.

- **Review charge of our committee**

Our Groups goal is to review the work of the Day transition report on Sustainability and make recommendations for the Residential Rate Transition Group.

Our group is focusing on sustainable wage for Direct Care Staff

In final report include personal examples of the impact to individuals and families if accommodations for sustainable wage increases are not implemented.

- **Review Day Sustainability Report to see what we can learn from their process**

Group reviewed the Day Sustainability Committee's Findings and recommendations

It was discussed that the major tenants are similar.

The group requested a copy of the spreadsheet and methodology group used to determine a living wage.

- Determine Next Steps
 - Get copy of methodology day group used to determine a sustainable wage.
 - Develop Plan to educate consumers and families on the transition to rates
 - Look at appropriations issues versus Efficiency issues (annual report)
 - Remember to incorporate real life examples into final report

- Develop Schedule for upcoming meetings
 - Group will meet monthly
 - Next meeting will be held the 4th week in May. Pat will check availability of rooms and send out a meeting invitation.

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