

Residential Rate Setting

May 10, 2013

Attendees: Quincy Abbott, Stan Soby, Elisa Velardo, Peter Mason, Thomas Dailey, Pat Dillon

Absent: Varian Salters, Amy Chase

1. The April minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. Residential Issues Subcommittee – working on the Assistive Technology policy. This committee is exploring creative housing options and aging in place and what is happening in other states.
3. The Continuous Residential Support (CRS) model is being reviewed. The model has evolved into a model very similar to CLA. CRS's have advantages because they are able to be established more quickly, but there are also a disadvantage relating to the impact on the resources of individual's served. Quincy suggested that if CLA development process could happen more quickly, the CRS model might not be needed.
4. Community Companion Home – no update since last meeting.
5. I.H.S. – DDS is holding a Transition to Individualized Home Supports forum on Tuesday May 14, 2013 at the NEAT Marketplace for Private Providers, Resource Managers, and Case Managers. The group acknowledged that some providers have not been aware until now, and this will be a big shift for them.
6. Self Determination – Mary Pat DiCarlo presented information on initiative from Massachusetts and Vermont.
7. Sustainability – Pat reported that this subcommittee is finalizing its recommendations which were modeled after the day Sustainability recommendations.
8. Residential Committee meeting – moving toward rates based on current guidelines. DDS is still planning on moving to residential rates starting January 1, 2014. The FY14 budget will have an impact on the roll out, because if there are further rate reductions, it will impede the ability to begin the roll out of new rates. With the day rate transition, the conversion started with providers above or below 8%. Residential may have a different threshold.

9. Budget Worksheet – Peter did speak with regional administrations about the use of the budget worksheet based on LON rates. West Region was piloting the form, but this may not have been communicated to providers. Thomas has a copy of the worksheet that he will forward to committee members.
10. Peter has developed guidelines changes in funding related to the day rates for the regions; he will bring these guidelines to the next meeting, and we can begin to develop similar guidelines for the residential rates.
11. The Residential committee has been working on 1:1 and 2:1 rates in a CLA setting.
12. DDS Efficiencies – PRAT managers meet monthly around efficiencies.
 - Thomas shared the analysis of the PRAT survey which will be shared in Leadership Forums.
 - Peter generates URR data. The integrity of the URR data will be critical in accurately determining residential rates.
 - Sioban Morgan has working with the group to clarify the waiver denial process and priority hearing process.
 - The group has established the Grad process for FY14. A letter will be issued to families sometime in June.
 - State funded Grads – decision will be made within the regions on a case by case basis.
 - Funding guidelines have been drafted that compile all rates in a single document.
 - Q3 PRAT stats are being compiled.
 - Long Term Care Admissions in nursing homes are an area of concern. Through Money Follows the person funding, 19 people have moved out of nursing homes and more have been identified.
13. PRC Analysis: Thomas shared the results of the PRC pilot in which 3 agencies participated. Though it does not appear that the model that was piloted will guide the future direction of PRC, the findings will be valuable as the process unfolds. Commissioner Macy will be taking the lead on future changes to the PRC process.
14. At our next meeting, the committee will review draft CLA/CRS rates.

Our next meeting date will be Friday, June 14th at 1 p.m. at the DDS South Region in Wallingford.

Respectively Submitted,

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