

RATE SETTING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 20, 2014

Attendees: Stan Soby, Mark Kovitch, Peter Mason, KatieBanzhaf, Quincy Abbot, Len Cipollone, and Chet Fisher, Mary Pat DeCarlo, Julia Wilcox.

1. Minutes were reviewed, Stan asked his comment be added regarding the number of residential hours associated with the LON rates need to be understood by all of those involved in DDS
2. Committee updates were given;
 - Implementation meeting was cancelled. Elisa Velardo is working on getting numbers as to how her agency will be affected by the proposed rates.
 - Residential Issues is now part of the Community of Practice. They will have something to report next month.
 - CCH Committee will be getting out a survey to other states asking specific questions around funding.
 - IHS Committee has not met as a group. The issue of HCC in the IHS program has been discussed at a meeting with representatives from DDS and nursing. Many questions were raised at that meeting and the group will meet again to continue the discussion. Update to be given next month.
 - Peter reported that a flyer was sent out to people so that a new committee can be formed to address Family In home Supports
3. There was much discussion regarding the development of a rate for 1 to 1 staffing. It was determined that more information was needed before any decisions could be made. The department will send out questions to be answered regarding those people the Department knows has increased funding and staffing. This information should be available for the next meeting.
4. The Committee reviewed the chart Katie developed regarding the number of allocated direct care hours based on a person's LON rate. There was some discussion if a mechanism could be developed to have funding just for the house and then add to it the funding for the individuals, something like the safety net in the IHS program. We would have to look at the definition of the Home and Community based services again before that could be considered.
5. Peter discussed that if we were on track to start making adjustments some agencies would see a 1/6th cut to their residential contract and other a 1/6th increase.
6. The committee needs to find out how many people are going to require funding over their LON rate.