

HCBS/PD Waiver Steering Committee Meeting

August 16, 2007

Present: Jana Rhea Cartwright, ILRC; Audrey Philip, Rose Scott, Three Rivers, Inc.; Evelyn Harden, The Whole Person; Carol McFadden, Independent Connections; Chris Owens, PILR; Tanya Dorf Brunner, Jill Enyart, Independence, Inc.; Mary Frantz, The Dream Works; Janet Williams, communityworks, inc.; Ami Hyten, TILRC; Pricilla Miller, Ken Gifford, ILC/NEK; Shari Coatney, SKIL; Karen, Home Team of Kansas; Jennifer Schwartz, KACIL; Shannon Jones, SILCK; Amy Swanson, Frank Stahl, Michael Deegan, and Candace Cobb, SRS.

Kansas Disability Caucus, 2007: The caucus was well-attended with an emphasis on employment. Mike Donnelly, Director of Kansas Vocational Rehabilitation Services was the keynote speaker. Workshops included the new WORK program and How to Interview. Caucus sessions were well-attended.

Update on Workgroups: Workgroups have not met this summer. Update from CSS include the July 1, 2007 rate change for self-direct Personal Services to \$12.29 per hour and the July 1, 2007 change from ILC as a waiver Plan of Care service to State Plan Medicaid TCM at the rate of \$42.40 per hour, or \$10.60 per 15-minute unit.

Money Follows the Person Proviso: FY07 HCBS/PD numbers: 13; FY07 HCBS/FE numbers: 3.

Performance Improvement Update, Amy Swanson, Program Manager of Performance Improvement: Amy gave an update on changes in the Regions, both staff changes and focus, due to implementation of Performance Improvement on the regional level. Amy requested volunteers for the purpose of discussing the vision of Performance Improvement from the stakeholder perspective. Amy will finalize a date with the group.

MMIS Approvals Q & A: Agreement was reached to utilize a second POC approver for MMIS POCs that are classified as the following: Annual reassessment, no changes; client obligation as the only change; and TCM within the same agency as the only change. Agency changes, cost caps., Assistive Services, and all other changes are still to be submitted to Beverly Gabel's workload. Candace will send an email with Jim DeCoursey's contact information as the approver of those MMIS POCs.

Appeal requests from consumers regarding HCBS/PD policy are to be forwarded to Administrative Hearings. Jim DeCoursey, CSS, coordinates the appeals. Case information will be requested from TCMs by either Jim or Candace.

Spousal Exception requests are to be forwarded to Candace for approval.

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KMAP Manual: The new TCM – PD Medicaid Provider Manual is completed. Please note that credentialing is no longer required as part of the TCM’s signature.

TCM Billing Issues: The TCM – PD Medicaid Provider Manual is to be used as a guide for TCM documentation.

Live-in Relative, Sleep Cycle Support: reminder of the April 1, 2007 change.

Processing time for offers of waiver services: CSS offers HCBS/PD waiver services every week to ten days. Offers are made immediately per TCM’s report of an emergent situation.

Oral Health Update: Consumers are using Oral Health Services. A dollar cap has not been set per the time of this meeting.

Grant Updates, MFP and Systems Transformation, will be held at a later date. Frank announced Angie Reinking as the Project Director of the MFP Grant and Loren Otto as Project Director for the Systems Transformation Grant.

CMS Update: Frank gave a brief overview of the approval process by CMS for TCM; the progression of the Autism waiver; and MR/DD definition changes.

KHPA Update: Candace reported the Sleep Cycle Support definition change has not yet been finalized by KHPA and EDS. The definition will read “six to twelve hour sleep cycle” rather than “eight to twelve hour sleep cycle.” There will still be only one sleep cycle approved each 24-hour time period. SRS has requested the definition change to be effective 7/1/2006, the effective date of the HCBS/PD waiver amendment.

TBI Waiver Request: Michael Deegan, TBI Program Manager, made a request that agencies submit numbers to him of those consumers served by their agencies who might have “acquired” brain injury. The numbers are needed for the advocacy effort to expand the current TBI waiver to include acquired brain injury in addition to the currently-covered traumatic brain injury.

TCM Scrutiny of Records/Timesheets of Provider Agencies: According to the CMS definition of TCM, monitoring of consumer services is a TCM activity, but administrative tasks are not.

2008 PDSC Meetings: Set for February 21, May 15, August 15, and November 13.

The next meeting of the PDSC is set for November 15, 2007 at the Learning Center, Room D from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (*Note: The November, 2007 PDSC Meeting was cancelled due to CSS scheduling conflicts.*)