

**MR/DD Self-Direction Committee
Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2008**

Members Present:

Amber Hinkle
Susan Given
Penny Hall
Kevin Smith

Russell Sickles
Jon Sassi
April Goebel
Marcus Canaday

Visitors:

none



OPENING:

Jon opened meeting.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Everyone reviewed minutes. Karen Boles' name was misspelled and needs moved to visitors.

Motion was made accept minutes with the changes, Seconded. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS/QUESTIONS:

Website – moving website to a new server. We have approval everything will be posted to website and email will be sent to the Providers Association.

PARKING LOT:

AMAPS
Staffing Capacity
Nursing
Agency Incentive (Budget)
Fear of taking Self-Direction choice becoming a flag for eligibility
How will/is PBS defined?
What if the person can't find anyone to hire and the agency doesn't have staff to spare
Percentage paid out to agency

Review Handout.

Looking at College of Direct Supports and this will help with staffing. We have to resubmit with more information.

Fiscal Agent is paid off top and whole budget is given to individual. 15% may not be an incentive to take, because it will still take away from the budget. Michigan rates were much lower than 15%. Rates may start out at a higher rate and then decrease once enrollment increases. The highest percentage rate was 25% in Utah. Some states did a separate entity

with Credit Union, etc. A lot of states are learning that it works better to do a combination of the authorities.

Motion was made to accept 'Parking Lot' list, motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEMBER EDUCATION:

CMS Template (handout). Will keep this to the side until we get information together on services we want, etc.

MICRO-BOARD – Sent email with links (handout). This would be in place of the government model. Micro-board would be set up per individual. They are set-up in other states as non-profit organizations. Have to have at least 3 individuals, VIN numbers have to be set up for tax purposes, worker's comp issues. They have all the responsibilities of an organization. Micro-board would be interfacing with APS instead of a case manager. There may be cost issues as well. Need to list PROS/CONS for all authorities. We could do a phase-in to see what the affect would be, i.e., make it available for a few families. You do not have to have a self-direction model to use Micro-boards.

Need state regulations to see if this is a possibility in West Virginia. In A/D Waiver Fiscal Intermediary doesn't provide services they provide support, they facilitate; e.g., help member understand hiring/firing process.

EMPLOYER AUTHORITY – causes problems with regulations, licensure, CON Summary Process.

Under the A/D Waiver when someone is hired, they have to have all trainings and it's the member's responsibility to get the training because CPAS Advisory Committee was concerned about Health/Safety issues. A/D providers are certified/reviewed, but not under OHFLAC.

SUB-GROUPS:

Side by Side Comparison on Authorities – Penny Hall, Russell Sickles -- send an email to get other individuals on committee.

Staff – Training/Cert and member responsibility, Health/Safety, Regulations – Amber Hinkle – send an email to get other individuals on committee.

SELF-DIRECTION MR/DD WAIVER:

1. CON ISSUES in hiring independent staff (separate from others)
2. LICENSURE ISSUES in hiring independent staff
3. IDENTIFY staff qualifications per specialty/service
4. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REGS
5. MISC. – AMAP (Olmstead – Tina Maher & Linda Higgs)
6. STATE REGULATIONS

OUTLINE OF SELF-DIRECTION -- ACTIVITY

Other states doing self-direction – New Jersey, New York, Georgia, Tennessee, Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Utah, Connecticut, Kentucky

<u>Current Services</u>	<u>Self-Direct Services</u>
SC	Define each service by Budget Authority, Employer Authority, or a combination Budget – Select provider and amount to spend Employer – Independent Interdisciplinary Provider
TC	
Community Res Hab	
Residential Hab (AMAP)	
Respite I	
Respite II	
Adult Companion I	
Adult Companion II	
Travel (need to define in Medicaid terms)	
Pre-Vocational	
Supported Employment	
Nursing/Med.	
Facility Based Day Hab	
Environmental Adaptation	
IPP Development	
➤ Need to find out the expectations on ability of Self-Direction and the minimum levels of services that are mandatory.	

Need to have definitions of all services with the Waiver that is in place now. Jon will send this out to all members.

PREPARE EDUCATION MODULES: Just wanted committee to be aware of just for future.

STAKEHOLDER INPUT: Will be a website by the next meeting. If there are questions regarding what the committee is doing they can be referred to site.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NONE

There was a concern by a committee member that the public interrupts the meeting. It was decided that public comments will be held for the last 15 minutes of the meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

March 12, 2008