

**Coordinating Subcommittee for
Division of Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Summary
April 2, 2013
AIDT Center (10:00 a.m.)**

The Coordinating Subcommittee for Intellectual Disabilities Services met at ADRS in Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called to order by Courtney W. Tarver, the Chair, at 10:01 a.m.

Voting Members Present

Steve Lafreniere (Andy Slate), DMH/DD Representative
Jeff Williams, DMH/DD Representative
Anne Penney, Alabama Council Representative
Myra Jones (Sophia Whitted), DD Council
Murray Townsend, Arc of Alabama
Earl Brightwell, MR/DD Representative
Jo Poates, MR/DD Representative
Wallace Davis (Jan Forrer for Deanna Ferguson), Other Provider Representative
Darren Morris, People First of Alabama Representative
Lou Vick, ACE/Arc Representative

Visitors

Lee Conner, Visitor
Susan Ford, DMH
George Neal, DMH
Dianne Durbin, DMH
Cassandra Odom, DMH/Region 2
Ellen Gillespie, ADAP
Bill Hoehle, The Arc of Jefferson County, Provider Rep, Region 5
Chris Stewart, The Arc of Jefferson County, Provider Rep, Region 5
Renee'King-Holley, King CRF, AL Providers Association.
Carolyn Little, Little CRF, AL Providers Association.
Mary L. Kemp, AL Providers Association
Melissa Sylvester, ACDD
Mike Martin, DMH/Region 4
Eleanor Tolbert, DMH/Region 3
Andy Slate, DMH
Daphne Rosalis, DMH
Peggy Olson, DMH
Anthony Couch, DMH
Lori Leathers, DMH, Region 3
Barbara Brunson, DMH/ Region 5
LaGretta Ratliff, DMH/Region 1
Rebekah Mathews, DMH/Region 5
Glendie Davis, Davis CRF, LLC.
Patricia Houston, Mobile Arc, Region 3
Gary Edwards, UCP
Regina Savage, Mobile Arc,
Danny Grant, People First
Donna Foster, Alabama Statewide Provider Association
Kimberly Bell, Driver for Danny Grant

Connie Townsend, Parent
John VanCamp, Provider Representative, Region 2

Recorder

Shirley Hicks

Approval of February 5, 2013, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Williams to approve the February 5, 2013, meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Poates, and it was approved.

Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Williams to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Penney, and it was approved.

Associate Commissioner's Report

A written report of the Associate Commissioner's activities since the last DD subcommittee meeting was attached to the distributed minutes that were emailed to members.

In addition to the written report, Mr. Tarver updated the subcommittee on the proposed Medicaid Managed Care Bill, Budget/Legislative Activities, Employment First developments, and DD Strategic Planning.

Medicaid Managed Care Legislation

After Mr. Tarver's update, issues and concerns were voiced by members. A public hearing will be held regarding the proposed Medicaid Managed Care Bill (SB 340) tomorrow, April 3, 2013, at 12:00 noon in Room 817, at the Alabama State House. Dr. Edwards of the DD Coalition will be presenting a list of concerns and recommendations at the public hearing. Members were encouraged to attend.

Mr. Tarver did a brief presentation on how the system will be designed and configured under the proposed Medicaid Managed Care Legislation. After his presentation, questions were entertained and discussions were held by members.

Budget

Mr. Tarver related the General Fund Budget was given to the Committee. The budget came out of the Committee as being leveled funded. A budget meeting is being held today regarding the Education Trust Fund. A discussion was held.

Employment First Developments

Mr. Tarver explained how employment for individuals with developmental disabilities will transform the system and free up more dollars.

He informed the subcommittee that Alabama joined the Supported Employment

Leadership Network (SELN). This is a national employment network of states' DD systems sharing ideas and getting technical assistance on shifting their services to emphasize employment. The introductory meeting will be held in May 2013.

Mr. Tarver notified the subcommittee that the State Interagency Employment First Workgroup held its initial meeting on March 29, 2013. The workgroup decided to meet at least once a month. The next workgroup meeting is April 26, 2013.

Mr. Morris and Mr. Neal shared with the subcommittee a summary of their visits to individuals in the community regarding employment.

Mr. Tarver informed the subcommittee that the Draft Employment Bill was electronically sent to the subcommittee for review and input. Only one response from the subcommittee was received. Mr. Tarver thanked Dr. Ferguson and Mr. Ridgeway for their assistance with working on the Employment First Bill.

Mr. Williams made a motion to go forward with having the Employment First Bill introduced, and Ms. Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Tarver initiated a discussion about the 1115 Waiver under CMS and the flexibility of this waiver.

DD Strategic Planning Update

Mr. Tarver gave an update. Recently, a major DMH strategic planning session was held and once the final plan is completed, the plans will be posted on the Department's website. Goals include integrated employment, improving DD's case management system, and an emphasis on support services for individuals in their own homes instead of mainly by providers providing residential services.

Waiting List Update

The waiting list update was given by Mr. Williams.

Currently, the waiting list status is 3,232.

- 2,019 waiting with no services
- 1,059 waiting, partially served
- 53 waiting, not critical
- 101 waiting, partially served, not critical
- 1,059 partially served

From January 2013 to March 2013, 63 individuals were served, and 155 individuals were added to the waiting list. From October 2012 to present, 147 individuals were served and 337 individuals were added to the waiting list.

The Waiting List by County will be emailed to the subcommittee.

Combined Workgroup Update (Written Report Distributed)

A written report was distributed. Mr. Tarver informed the subcommittee that the chair of the Combined Workgroup, Mrs. Martin, received consensus by the workgroup on priority areas. The top two priorities were 1) case management entry into services and 2) employment.

Supported Employment Workgroup Update

Ms. Rosalis gave the supported employment workgroup update. The revised definitions were sent out. The employment surveys, which will gather data on individuals who are currently employed, will be sent to regional offices. The regional offices will then send the surveys to providers.

New Business and Announcements

Mr. Tarver announced that the Director of Community Services position was posted on the Department's website.

Ms. Rosalis announced since the system for case management Single Point Entry System (SPES) is rapidly deteriorating, The Department of Mental Health will no longer support SPES effective October 1, 2013. This functionality will be developed in ADIDIS which providers can choose to use.

Mr. Vick announced that the Nurse Delegation Practice (NDP) regulations were finalized, February 21, 2013. Everything that was requested was approved. The projected date for NDP standards implementation is June 1, 2013. Training will begin soon.

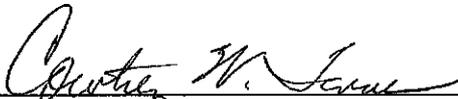
Ms. Jones announced the AL-APSE Conference will be held June 19-21, 2013, in Montgomery at the Renaissance Hotel and Spa. Stipends for family members are available.

Next Meeting

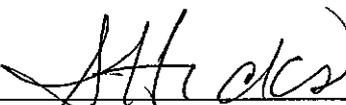
The next subcommittee meeting will be held May 7, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Brightwell and seconded by Ms. Poates to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.



Courtney W. Tarver, Associate Commissioner
Division of Developmental Disabilities



Shirley Hicks
Recorder