

**Coordinating Subcommittee for  
Division of Developmental Disabilities  
Meeting Summary  
May 7, 2013  
AIDT Center (10:00 a.m.)**

The Coordinating Subcommittee for Intellectual Disabilities Services met at AIDT in Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Courtney W. Tarver, at 10:15 a.m.

**Voting Members Present**

Steve Lafreniere (Andy Slate), DMH/DD Representative  
Jeff Williams, DMH/DD Representative  
Anne Penney, Alabama Council Representative  
Jim Dill, Alabama Council Representative  
Myra Jones (Sophia Whitted), DD Council  
Murray Townsend, Arc of Alabama  
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**

Timothy Stone, DMH  
Lee Conner, Visitor  
Dianne Durbin, DMH Advocate  
Cassandra Odom, DMH/Region 2  
Ellen Gillespie, ADAP  
Chris Stewart, The Arc of Jefferson County, Provider Rep, Region 5  
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  
Anthony Couch, DMH  
Lori Leathers, DMH, Region 3  
Barbara Brunson, DMH/ Region 5  
Rebekah Mathews, DMH/Region 5  
Glendie Davis, Davis CRF, LLC.  
George Neal, DMH  
Gary Edwards, UCP  
Donna Basden Akins, Arc of Shoals County  
Danny Grant, People First  
Wade Reese, Arc of Fayette, Lamar, Marengo Counties  
Kimberly Bell, Driver for Danny Grant  
Terry Pezent, Arc of Clarke County  
John VanCamp, Provider Representative, Region 2  
Byron White, DMH

**Recorder**

Shirley Hicks

**Approval of April 2, 2013, Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Dr. Penney to approve April 2, 2013, meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Poates. The motion was approved.

**Agenda**

A motion was made by Ms. Poates to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lafreniere. The motion was approved.

**Associate Commissioner's Report**

A written report of the Associate Commissioner's activities since the last DD subcommittee meeting was provided to the subcommittee.

**Medicaid Managed Care Legislation**

An update of the Medicaid Managed Care Bill was given by Mr. Tarver. A discussion was held. It was noted that health care coverage for individuals with DD, dual eligible individuals, and long-term care will be left out of the Medicaid plan health care model under the Concept Paper being proposed by Alabama Medicaid to CMS. Members voiced their concerns about health care coverage. It was related to members that their voices may be best heard further at public hearings which will be conducted in the future before the 1115 Waiver Alabama Medicaid is seeking, will be approved to implement managed care.

The 1115 Waiver will not be implemented until the Concept Paper Plan is accepted. More discussions about the Medicaid Managed Care Plan were held.

**Budget**

Mr. Tarver related DD Division's budget is in good shape. As mentioned at the last meeting, the General Fund Budget is basically level-funded. Some costs were shifted into the Education Trust Fund Budget that net an increase that will enable us to restore the 3% cut from 2011 rates to 100% funding of the 2011 level. A discussion was held.

**Employment First Developments**

Mr. Tarver gave an update on the Employment First Bill. He explained the Employment First Bill was filed late in the session. A joint resolution for both Houses was also filed as backup. He informed the group if the Employment First Bill does not pass, option is to get a resolution or an executive order. A discussion was held.

**Waiting List Update**

The waiting list status and the waiting list by county written data were distributed to the group by Mr. Williams (see attached). Mr. Williams also shared data calls made to the Call Center. Approximately 625 calls are received per quarter. A

discussion was held regarding the different types of calls: referrals; resources; and application for services; received through the Call Center.

Ms. Poates suggested that their Resource Manual be shared with the Call Center staff. It was agreed that Ms. Poates will email their Resource Manual to Mr. Williams.

#### **Combined Workgroup Update**

Mrs. Martin gave an update. A variety of recommendations will be presented at the next DD Subcommittee meeting. She thanked the workgroup for their hard work and dedication. The next workgroup meeting will be held next week.

#### **Criticality Update**

Mr. Tarver related he sent a memo, dated May 3, 2013, to the DD Subcommittee and Case Management Providers regarding the Implementation of Recommendations on the Definition of Emergencies, Commensurate Adjustments for Broadening Criticality Factors, and HCBS Waivers & Proposed Amendments (see memo attached). Mr. Tarver reviewed the memo with the subcommittee. A Criticality Webinar will be held tomorrow, May 8, 2013, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. A discussion regarding the high risk criticality definition was held. Also, a discussion about clarification regarding the definition of an “emergency slot” was held. Ms. Rosalis clarified the meaning of high risk criticality and the definition of “emergency slot”.

Mr. Tarver reminded the subcommittee that a goal for day programs is to assist individuals who are able to work to become employed. The more we assist individuals securing integrated employment, the more this will free up more funds for servicing people on the waiting list.

A motion was made by Mr. Williams to move forward with the Implementation of Recommendations on the Definition of Emergencies, Commensurate Adjustments for Broadening Criticality Factors, and HCBS Waivers & Proposed Amendments. Dr. Penney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Supported Employment Workgroup Update**

Mr. White related the next supported employment workgroup meeting will be held May 20, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. at Shelby Arc in Pelham, Alabama. The supported employment staff in the regions had concerns about the survey data received. This will be clarified and the survey will be sent out.

A discussion was held about training for supported employment. Mr. White related he has and will continue to ensure that supported employment training be provided. The next 3-Day Supported Employment Training, September 11, 2013, at AIDT. Virginia Commonwealth will be conducting the training. The upcoming AL-APSE Conference, which will be held June 19-21, at the Renaissance in Montgomery, is heavily weighted on supported employment. He

advised members to attend.

Mr. Neal and Mr. Morris continue to visit day programs regarding supported employment. Mr. Neal gave a summary of his previous visits to day programs. They will be visiting Region IV tomorrow, May 8, 2013.

**New Business and Announcements**

Mr. Vick announced the Alabama Disability Conference will be held September 16-17, 2013, at Perdido Beach Resort. A Call for Presentations was sent out. All suggestions should be sent to Lou Vick or Tom Holmes.

Mr. Tarver related applications for the Community Services Director's position were received. The position for Case Management has not been posted because he wanted to wait until the Community Services Director's position is filled.

Mr. Tarver gave an update on the "Money Follows-the Person Grant". Medicaid expects to use slots in the existing waiver array for all of the state's seven waiver programs. For people who don't fit the criteria for those waivers, they will be served under the upcoming ACT II Waiver that the DD Division will administer.

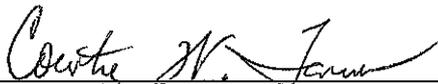
Mr. Vick announced the Nurse Delegation Practice will be implemented June 3, 2013.

**Next Meeting**

The next subcommittee meeting will be held June 4, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Vick and seconded by Ms. Poates to adjourn the meeting. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:01 noon.

  
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Courtney W. Tarver, Associate Commissioner  
Division of Developmental Disabilities

  
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Shirley Hicks  
Recorder