

**ADMH Division of Developmental Disabilities
Coordinating Subcommittee Zoom Meeting Summary
September 8, 2020**

Participants: There were 236 Participants.

Voting Members Present:

Jo Poates, AADD Representative
Arvy Dupy, AADD Representative
DeAnna Ferguson, Ph.D., Other Providers–VOA Representative
Connie Batiste, ADMH/DDD Representative
Ken Oliver, Alabama MH Centers Representative
Darryle Powell, Sr., Alabama DD Council Representative
Chris Stewart, ACE/Arc Representative
Jamie Herren, Alabama Council/MH Centers Rep.
Diane Durbin, ADMH/Advocacy
Susan Ellis, People First of Alabama Representative
Byron White (Derek Greer), ADMH/DDD Representative

Voting Members Absent

Anne Riddle, Arc of Alabama Representative
Jane Cameron, Arc of Alabama Representative

1. Welcome and Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by AC Pezent.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Mr. Dupy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reese. The motion was approved.

3. Approval of August 4, 2020 Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Reese and seconded by Dr. Ferguson to approve the previous meeting minutes with the following corrections: On page 4, under Item 14, Alabama Medicaid Agency Updates, the statement was corrected to read: "..., *the TB Test is required upon hire and then the screening form is required annually.*" The motion was approved.

4. AC Pezent Update

- There is continued work with the Consultant regarding PCP training.
- Revisions to the Administrative Code have been completed.
- ADMH/DD Long Range Planning meetings have been in the works. This is a part of the ADMH/DD strategic planning.

- A budget request for behavioral support services was submitted. Resources are in the waiver, but we realized that we have not been fully utilizing these services. Currently, we are working with Benchmark Consultant regarding the Crisis Diversion Centers and will be looking at some enhanced training.
- There have been ongoing meetings related to Crisis Care for behavioral services. Several meetings have been held regarding developing an abuse/neglect registry. A meeting will be scheduled within the next few weeks.
- DDD will be working with CQL to review and update certification assessment and practices

5. COVID-19 Workgroup

Ms. Batiste presented the COVID-19 report reflecting March 31 – August 30, 2020 period. There were concerns about whether the positive rate was accurate. There was a discussion about whether providers have a process in place that prevent double reporting cases. Mr. Stewart pointed out that it is difficult to ensure accuracy of numbers because some individuals work for multiple agencies.

There was also a discussion about whether individuals who are asymptomatic are being tested. If so, what are the protocols and requirements. AC Pezent requested Ms. Anderson to have James Tucker submit her recommendations to the COVID-19 Workgroup. Everyone was asked to submit their questions/concerns to the members who are on the COVID-19 Workgroup guidance list.

Ms. Waren reported that 19% of the providers opened on September 1, 2020; 12% opened today; 11% will open on October 1, 2020; 30% have random openings; and 28% have not decided what date to open.

6. Status of Waivers and Other Waiver Related Information

ID/LAH Waivers:

- The Public Comment period ended September 6, 2020 for the ID/LAH waiver renewals. There were only a few comments and responses.

CWP Waiver:

- ADMH/DD is still working with CMS regarding the CWP waiver application.
- The CWP provider orientation have four more training sessions.
- The selection from Region 2 request for proposal has been made, and the provider will be notified.
- In regard to the inquiry regarding the “Drop Down Menu Item in ADIDIS”. It was related that the drop-down item is for the New Waiver, 1915(i). The eligibility criteria for the 1915© and 1915(i) is different. A thorough understanding

regarding both waivers can be obtained from the new waiver Concept Paper which is located on ADMH/DD website.

7. Budget Status

- Mr. Slate shared a detailed budget document related to revenues as a result of the Cares Act.
- Dr. Ferguson reported the following:
 - The DD Subcommittee Voting Members Budget Workgroup will possibly meet this week.

8. Administrative Code Status

Ms. Croxton reported the following:

- The Administrative Code proposed revisions for Chapter 585-30 and Chapter 585-33 were completed. Chapter 585-33 was repealed and will be posted in ADMH/DD operational guidelines. September 21st and September 30th are the Publication Dates.

9. Support Employment

Mr. Greer reported the following:

- The summary of the snapshot survey of 15 agencies was shared. Beginning March, 827 people was working. In May, there was a 51% decrease to 400 individuals.
- Job Coaching Training will be held September 15-18, 2020.

10. Support Coordination

Ms. Allen reported the following:

- The first week of the PCP Training started last week. By the end of this month, a total of 200 support coordinators will be trained. Please note that this is a mandatory training and attendance is taken and reported at the end of each session. Certificate of completion will be sent to participants. The Social Board information will be forward to DHR for participants who signed up for CEUs.
- The October PCP Training is designated for new hires and support coordinators who have not yet received the training. Training will also be provided in November and December.
- We are currently working on a plan to disseminate post cards to families regarding PCP. Information will also be posted on the website.

Ms. Rozell shared information related to the Call Center indicators, the application referral process for Autism services, and the number of calls received April through July. It was suggested that the 310 Agency be added to the application second page

regarding referral being made Autism Services. The Call Center will add a checkbox to the application noting whether or not a referral was made to Autism services.

14. Regional Office Report

Ms. Waren reported the following:

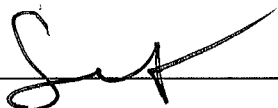
- The survey of case management agencies regarding their need for services in their area were conducted. The survey questions were: 1) What Services are available, 2) What services are needed, and 3) What are the barriers?
- The results were: Sixty-four percent (64%) indicated crisis intervention services are needed, followed by: community day services, job coach services, employment services, respite, nursing, personal care, and assistive technology being the top seven services needed. Sixty-eight percent (68%) indicated that barriers were rural area, limited choices, and available providers.
- Going forward, Ms. Waren is exploring looking at RFPs, gathering names of counties and obtaining data. Ms. Anderson wanted the data to be in written format. AC Pezent noted that the regional offices first need to know the service capacity issues and other factors before presenting data in written format.

10. Announcements

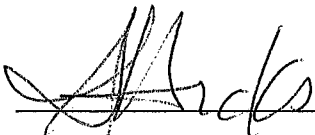
Dr. Ferguson announced the DSP Recognition Week is September 13-20, 2020. The Governor signed the Proclamation.

11. Next Meeting

The next Meeting will be held October 6, 2020 at 10:00am.



Terry L. Pezent, ADMH/DD
Associate Commissioner



Shirley Hicks, Recorder