

**ADMH Division of Developmental Disabilities
Coordinating Subcommittee Zoom Meeting Summary
July 13, 2021**

Participants: 261 Participants (DDD Subcommittee Members and Providers)

Voting Members Present:

Connie Batiste, ADMH/DDD Representative
DeAnna Ferguson, Ph.D., Other Providers–VOA Representative
Jo Poates, AADD Representative
Arvy Dupy, AADD Representative
Darryle Powell, Sr., Alabama DD Council Representative
Delshonda Thomas, ACE/Arc Representative
Timothy Cooper, Arc of Alabama Representative
Jamie Herren, Alabama Council/MH Centers Representative
Ken Oliver, Alabama MH Centers Representative
Rita Wingard, ADMH/DDD Representative
Veronica McGhee Representing Jenny Lux and Susan Ellis, People First of Alabama

Voting Members Absent:

Jane Cameron, Arc of Alabama Family Representative

1. Welcome and Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Associate Commissioner Pezent.

2. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Oliver made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Arvy. The motion was approved.

3. Approval of May 4, 2021 Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Oliver to approve the meeting's minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ferguson and approved.

4. Associate Commissioner Updates: An update of the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) activities was provided by Associate Commissioner Pezent. The Community Waiver Program (CWP) launch date is October 1, 2021. Alabama is the first state to implement a community waiver of this nature.

5. COVID-19

Appendix K Update and Funding: The approval for the 30% rate increase was received. The deadline was extended from May 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021 for rates. The NPD rate was increased from 4 to 8. There was a consensus at a previous meeting by the DDD Subcommittee voting members to increase the NPD rate for the IRBI. The NPD rate increase is effective October 2021. Dr. Ferguson thanked ADMH/DDD for listening to providers and approving the rate increases.

Vaccinations: Ms. Croxton presented information from the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) website regarding ADPH's dashboard vaccination data chart and a map illustrating the trends of COVID-19 risk indicators by counties. A discussion was held.

COVID Data: Ms. Batiste shared COVID-19 data information on individuals served by the five regions from May 2020 through June 2021. As of July 8, 2021, a total of 2,905 individuals were tested, 941 tested positive, 197 were hospitalized, and there were 59 deaths. A demographic screen was added in ADIDIS for tracking vaccination data. Providers were requested to enter vaccination data in ADIDIS to include the date and the type of vaccination administered to the individuals.

6. Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

HCBS Validation Data: Ms. Batiste presented a report on the validation data. In regard to settings validation data, there is a total of 1,229 settings with 90 settings being in compliance, 1,139 settings not in compliance, and 0 settings not in compliance without remediation plans. A discussion was held.

7. Support Coordination (SC): Ms. Allen provided an update. The next Person-Centered Planning (PCP) training is July 20-22, and July 27, for support coordinators who have not received the training. The July PCP guidance letter from DDD was distributed to all SC agencies yesterday. Ms. Allen explained why the PCP Plan of Care should include all signatures. The Strategic Planning Committee still meets bi-monthly regarding the PCP transformation. The PCP training for providers will be developed by this committee. ICAP training is ready and has been uploaded to the SC Team Channel. This training also will be posted to ADMH/DDD website under related items. The next Quarterly SC Supervisors meeting will be held July 22, 2021. The next ADMH/DDD Leadership SC Executive Directors meeting will be held July 29, 2021.

8. Office of Psychological Services: Dr. Eliza Belle provided a presentation on goals in regard to enhance behavioral psychological services. Components of one major goal are to address emergent needs/direct service delivery and secure DDD Psychiatric Inpatient Service Capacity (contract) in the data identified high needs regions; to ensure access to services for DD individuals in crisis; and to establish crisis respite homes in data identified high needs regions to serve HCBS waiver individuals with ID in an acute crisis for short term stabilization in-community settings. After the presentation concluded, questions were entertained.

9. Office of Community Services: The Provider Training was held June 30, 2021, and the Operational Guidelines (OG) will be posted to the website. The next provider training will be held July 26, 2021.

10. Office of Certification: Connie Batiste provided an update regarding the status of the NCI Staff Stability Survey. Presently, only 78 providers completed the survey. The deadline has been extended to July 31, 2021.

11. GOWET Presentation/Alabama Workforce Council: John Gilchrist provided an overview of the Governor's Workforce Council plan. He emphasized that data analysis plays a very important role. It will assist with the career tools to connect employees and employers. The state legislature is focused on data. Mr. Stewart and Ms. Klingel commented about the

criticality of workforce for DDD providers. After the presentation concluded, questions and comments were entertained.

12. Alabama Medicaid Agency (AMA): Drew Nelson indicated that Medicaid is changing their identification number from 500 to 530, and a letter will be communicated to network providers reflecting this change. Rebecca Keith, DDD, is working with AMA to obtain the new Medicaid identification numbers for providers to update the ADIDIS system

13. Advocacy Updates

- a. **People First:** Veronica McGhee provided an update. People First continue to move forward with goals and CWP training for peer specialists.
- b. **ADAP:** James Tucker provided an update. He encouraged individuals to complete the statewide survey.
- c. **ACDD:** Mr. Powell provided an update. The Partners and Policymaking Committee reconvened. The Advisory Committee met as well. The DD Council is finalizing their State Plan and will be posting RFPs after the Council's August meeting.
- d. **ADMH/ADVOCACY:** There was no update

14. Other Business

There was no new business.

15. Announcements

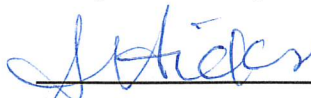
Dr. Ferguson reminded everyone about the August 11-13, 2021 Professional Development Conference to be held at Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Alabama.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2021.



Terry L. Pezent, Associate Commissioner/ADMH/DD



Shirley Hicks, Recorder, ADMH/DD