

**Coordinating Subcommittee for
Division of Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Summary
June 4, 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 10:00 a.m.

Voting Members Present

Murray Townsend, Arc of Alabama Representative
Tom Holmes (Amanda Ward), Arc of Alabama Representative
Earl Brightwell, MR/DD Representative
Jo Poates, MR/DD Representative
Jeff Williams, ADMH
Wallace Davis (Deanna Ferguson), Other Providers Representative
Jim Dill, Alabama Council Representative
Anne Penney, Alabama Council Representative
Elmyra Jones, DD Council Representative
Lou Vick (Terry Pezent), ACE/Arc Representative
Darren Morris (Jeff Ridgeway), People First of Alabama Representative

Visitors

Lee Conner, Visitor
Cassandra Odom, ADMH/Region 2
Ellen Gillespie, ADAP
Carolyn Little, Little CRF, AL Providers Association.
Mary L. Kemp, AL Providers Association
Rose Hill, Hill CRF, AL Providers Association
Eleanor Tolbert, ADMH/Region 3
Daphne Rosalis, ADMH
Susan Ford, ADMH
Gary Edwards, UCP
Donna Basden Akins, Arc of Shoals County
Danny Grant, People First
John VanCamp, Provider Representative, Region 2
Byron White, DMH

Recorder

Shirley Hicks

Approval of May 7, 2013, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Brightwell to approve the minutes of May 7, 2013, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Penney, and the motion was approved.

Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Brightwell to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Townsend, and it was approved.

Associate Commissioner's Report

A written report of the Associate Commissioner's activities since the last DD subcommittee meeting was provided. In addition, Mr. Tarver gave a brief summary of the May 7-10, 2013 NASDDDS Mid-Year Conference that he attended.

Medicaid Managed Care Legislation Update

Mr. Tarver conveyed to the subcommittee that Medicaid submitted the Concept Paper Plan to CMS, and it is now on the Alabama Medicaid website – www.medicaid@alabama.gov. Also on the website, there is a link for suggestions and comments.

Employment First Update

The Employment First legislation did not pass. The next plan is to work toward getting an Executive Order. This does not mean ADMH will not go forward with the statute for Employment First.

Waiting List Update

Mr. Williams gave an update of the waiting list. Currently, the waiting list status is 3,278. The waiting list by county will be distributed at the next subcommittee meeting.

Combined Workgroup Update

Ms. Rosalis reported at the combined workgroup last meeting, they had a dialogue about a tiered payment structure for more flexibility for some integrated services. They encouraged everyone to help shape what services would look like while working toward employment. The workgroup discussed wrap around services and support services during the day so that services can be more flexible, and they also held dialogue about the 15 minute unit and companion work. Presently, there are no recommendations from the workgroup at this time. The next meeting will be held next Tuesday, June 11, 2013, at AIDT.

Mr. Tarver noted educational elements will be included in the integrated things for individuals to do, and Alabama has resources such as career centers, workforce centers, youth programs, and vocational programs that may already be available for individuals with disabilities that are available for people with developmental disabilities.

Supported Employment Workgroup Update

At the last supported employment workgroup meeting, a dialogue was held regarding making changes to services for employment. The workgroup did not arrive to any recommendations. The next meeting will be held July 1, 2013, at the Arc of Shelby County at 1:00 p.m.

Project SEARCH finished the school year with graduations in Montgomery and Shelby Counties. Montgomery County had 12 graduates and Shelby County had 11 graduates. Two individuals were hired at Baptist. A total of six individuals will be hired. The Huntsville School System confirmed they will be participating in

the Project SEARCH program. Hopefully by next year, there will be at least three or four new Project SEARCH sites.

Mr. White also gave a summary of Project SEARCH for Baldwin and Birmingham counties. He added Mobile County is excited about starting Project SEARCH as well.

New Business and Announcements

- Ms. Rosalis reported there was a CMS Review recently and there was non-compliance in three areas of 1) Level of Care, 2) Plan of Care, and 3) Qualified Providers Deficiencies. A plan of action will be submitted to Medicaid within the next 90 days. DD will be required to submit quarterly reports. Currently, DD is in the process of inputting all providers' sites in ADIDIS. CMS wants remediation to be 100%.
- The Alabama Disability Conference will be held September 15-17, 2013, at Perdido Beach Resort. The Arc of Alabama has 12 annual awards to be presented. All award nominations need to be sent to the local Arc's by July.
- Effective September 1, 2013, rates will be restored 100%.
- The AL-APSE Conference will be held at the Renaissance in Montgomery, June 19-21, 2013.
- There will be a Criticality Webinar tomorrow, June 5, 2013, from 10:00-12:00.
- A subcommittee member requested that "Cost of Living" be on the subcommittee's August meeting agenda.

Next Meeting

Mr. Brightwell made a motion to skip the July meeting and meet in August. Ms. Poates seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The next subcommittee meeting will be held August 6, 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 11:50 a.m.

Courtney W. Tarver, Associate Commissioner
Division of Developmental Disabilities

Shirley Hicks
Recorder