

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

MINUTES

January 15, 2015

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs met on Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, Midlands Center, 8301 Farrow Road, Columbia, South Carolina.

The following were in attendance:

COMMISSION

Present:

Christine Sharp, Chairperson
Eva Ravenel, Secretary
Bill Danielson
Harvey Shiver (Via Teleconference)

Absent:

Fred Lynn, Vice Chairman
Katherine Davis
Katherine Finley

DDSN Administrative Staff

Dr. Buscemi, State Director; Mrs. Susan Beck, Associate State Director, Policy; Associate State Director, Operations; Mr. Tom Waring, Associate State Director, Administration; Mrs. Tana Vanderbilt, General Counsel (For other Administrative Staff see Attachment 1 – Sign In Sheet).

Guests

(See Attachment 1 Sign-In Sheet)

Coastal Regional Center (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 2 Sign-In Sheet)

Pee Dee Regional Center (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 3 Sign-In Sheet)

Whitten Regional Center (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 4 Sign-In Sheet)

York County DSN Board (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 5 York County Sign-In Sheet)

News Release of Meeting

Chairperson Christine Sharp called the meeting to order and Commissioner Eva Ravenel read a statement of announcement about the meeting that was mailed to the appropriate media, interested persons, and posted at the Central Office and on the website in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Invocation

Chairperson Christine Sharp gave the invocation.

Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Bill Danielson made the motion to change the order of the agenda items to allow flexibility. The motion was seconded and passed. The Commission adopted the January 15, 2015 Meeting Agenda with the changes. (Attachment A)

Approval of the Minutes of the **December 18, 2014** Commission Meetings

The Commission approved the November 20, 2014 Commission Meeting minutes with a change by unanimous consent.

Public Input

Ms. Judy Johnson, Executive Director of the Babcock Center, spoke on behalf of the SC Human Service Providers Association.

Commissioners' Update

There were no updates.

Pervasive Developmental Disorder Program Evaluation Update

Mrs. Susan Beck introduced Mr. John Kuntz with the University of South Carolina that conducted the PDD Program evaluation. Mr. Kuntz gave a detailed update which included the evaluation objectives and how children who participate in the PDD program achieve significant improvements in their adaptive behaviors and language skills. The evaluation update will be posted on the agency website. (Attachment B)

Onetime Use of Recurring Funding for Autism Services

Mr. Tom Waring stated that DDSN was appropriated onetime funds of \$1,150,000 for autism services for current fiscal year. DDSN submitted a solicitation to the provider network and advocacy agencies for proposals on increasing service capacity for autism services. The agency received an overwhelming response of 57 proposals totaling over \$10 Million. Mr. Waring

requested the Commission's approval to add \$850,000 to the \$1.15 million to meet this overwhelming response. Dr. Buscemi stated the \$850,000.00 is projected to be carried forward this year. These are funds that can be used directly related to service expansion. On motion of Commissioner Ravenel, seconded and passed, the Commission approved adding \$850,000 to the appropriated onetime funding of \$1.15 million for a total of \$2,000,000 to fund the unexpected volume of initiatives.

Silver Palmetto Award

Ms. Lois Park Mole presented information on the 2014 Silver Palmetto Award that is given annually to a city or town in South Carolina that has best demonstrated exceptional support and commitment to the people we serve during the previous year. It was recommended that the City of Aiken be awarded the 2014 Silver Palmetto Award for their outstanding leadership in building successful partnerships between people with and without disabilities. On motion of Commissioner Bill Danielson, seconded and passed, the Commission approved that the City of Aiken receive the 2013 Palmetto Award for partnering with the Tri-Development Center in giving employment opportunities to people with disabilities. Chairperson Christine Sharp will present the award at the Municipal Association of SC in Columbia, SC on February 4, 2015.

Therap Implementation

Mr. David Foshee gave an update on the Therap, an electronic health record and consumer data system. Phase 1 implementation which includes all consumers receiving day and residential in the community and in regional centers will begin on April 1, 2015. Phase 2 which includes all other individuals in the system and CDSS will no longer be the system of record will be implemented November 30, 2015. Phase 3 which replaces DDSN's Medicaid billing, personnel and reporting system and any other functions not included in Phase 1 and 2 will be implemented June 30, 2016. Mr. Foshee also spoke of the upcoming training opportunities.

Waiting List Progress Report

Mrs. Susan Beck gave a detailed update on the Intellectual Disabilities/Related Disabilities, Community Supports and the Head and Spinal Cord Waiting Lists and the Pervasive Developmental Disorder Program. She stated that we are making a lot of progress with enrollments. (Attachment C)

Budget Update

Mr. Tom Waring gave a detailed update on the nine budget priorities for 2016 in regards to the Governor's Executive Budget. DDSN requested \$21.8 million to continue moving the waiting lists and other initiatives. The Governor provided \$12.5 million in her Executive Budget for the disabilities population.

This is at a great start for the 2016 budget process. The Governor was very generous to the department's service needs for the disability population. Included in the Executive Budget was a proviso that requires DDSN to implement a permanent match transfer to DHHS that does not interrupt DDSN's business operations; this proviso was discussed. Mr. Waring stated that Dr. Buscemi will present DDSN's budget to the House Ways & Means Healthcare Budget Subcommittee on Tuesday, January 27, 2015.

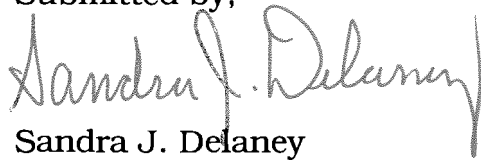
Next Regular Meeting Date

Chairperson Christine Sharp announced the next regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2015 with the starting time to be determined. The meeting will be held at the DDSN Central Office.

Adjournment

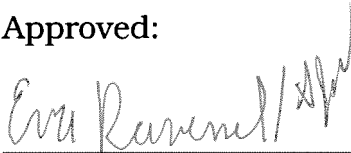
With no further business, Chairperson Christine Sharp adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by,



Sandra J. Delaney

Approved:



Commissioner Eva Ravenel
Secretary

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Attachment 1

Guest Registration Sheet

(PLEASE PRINT) Name and Organization

1. Lisa Weeks - DDSN
2. Alfredia Stevenson - Chester-Lancaster DSNB
3. Jooy Johnson - Possecock Cent
4. Lois PARK MOLE
5. CHUCK NORMAN
6. Tom WARING
7. MAUREA TAYLOR
8. VAL BRISTOP - DD Council
9. Ray Miller - DD Council
10. Jerry Colize - O'Cover DSN
11. Alesia Richardson - Dorchester DSN Board
12. Angela Jacildone - SC Spinal Cord Injury Association
13. Deborah & Heather McPherson - Richland County
14. Cassidy Evans - DHH
15. Mike Keith - Merion Dillon DSN
16. Leanne Johnston, SC HSP
17. Ann Dalton, SC DDSN
18. Kathy Martin - PTA
19. Barbara - NCPDNB
20. D. Rotholz - WSC/CDR

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Guest Registration Sheet

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| 21. | Shondala Hall | DPSU |
| 22. | Man Park | YCBDSU |
| 23. | KEVIN VACCHI | DDSN |
| 24. | David Davis | DDSN |
| 25. | Joyce Davis | BIASC |
| 27. | Ralph Courtney | TDC/ACBD |
| 28. | Marge Williamson | The Arc of SC |
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Attachment 2

Guest Registration Sheet

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- 1. Rufus Britt DII
- 2. Hester S Wannamaker DII
- 3. Suzanne Johnson parent
- 4. Ronda Ritchie District II
- 5. Felita Martinic District II
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Guest Registration Sheet

(PLEASE PRINT) Name and Organization

- 1. John King DDSN
- 2. Jimmy BURTEN BURTON CENTER
- 3. Kathleen Roberts WC Parent Club / SC FODF
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Attachment 5

Guest Registration Sheet

(PLEASE PRINT) Name and Organization

1. Michelle Shaffer - YCBDSN
2. JANILE FOWLER
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South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Midlands Center
8301 Farrow Road
Collaborative Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29203

January 15, 2015

10:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order *Chairperson Christine Sharp*
2. Welcome - Notice of Meeting Statement *Commissioner Eva Ravenel*
3. Invocation *Commissioner Harvey Shiver*
4. Introduction of Guests
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Approval of the Minutes of the December 18, 2014 Commission Meeting
7. Public Input
8. Commissioners' Update *Commissioners*
9. Business:
 - A. Pervasive Developmental Disorder Program Evaluation Update *Mr. John Kuntz
Consultant
Ph.D. Student
University of South Carolina
Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics*
 - B. Therap Implementation *Mr. David Foshee*
 - C. Silver Palmetto Award *Mrs. Lois Park Mole*
 - D. Waiting List Progress Report *Mrs. Susan Beck*
 - E. Onetime Use of Recurring Funding for Autism Services *Mr. Tom Waring*
 - F. Budget Update *Mr. Tom Waring*
 - G. Midyear Financial Update *Mr. Tom Waring*
10. State Director's Report *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
11. Executive Session – will be closed to the public
12. Enter into Public Session
13. Next Meeting Date (February 19, 2015 at DDSN Central Office)
14. Adjournment

PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING. THANK YOU.

ABA Overview

- Individualized goals are developed, such as eliminating challenging behaviors, developing communication skills (speech), training activities of daily living.
- Complex tasks are broken down into small steps.
- Positive reinforcement and extensive support are provided by the therapist.
- Discrete trial training: Each step is practiced over and over until mastery is achieved.
- Intensive in-home or center-based training is provided by a therapist between 20 to 40 hours per week.



Final Evaluation Report of the South Carolina Pervasive Developmental Disorder Program

Robert Hock, PhD and John Kuntz, MS



Presentation to the South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs, January 2015

Evaluation Objectives

- **Objective 1: Evaluate the impact of EIBI on child outcomes (adaptive functioning, verbal ability).**
- **Objective 2: Assess whether child-specific factors are associated with differences in treatment outcomes.**
- **Objective 3: Explore the relationship between the changes in adaptive behaviors through time and the actual treatment hours received.**



Background

- Behavioral interventions have a strong evidence base
- Limited research on the effectiveness of behavioral interventions in community settings
- SC DDSN program is uniquely positioned to contribute to understanding while improving lives of children and their families



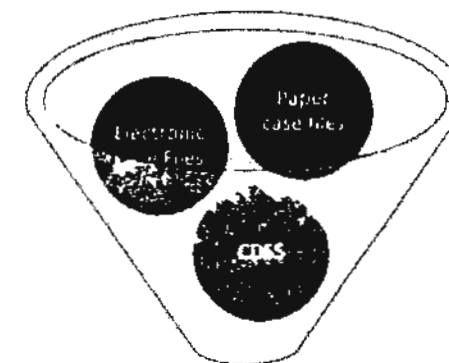
Objective 1

ARE CHILD OUTCOMES IMPROVING?

Method

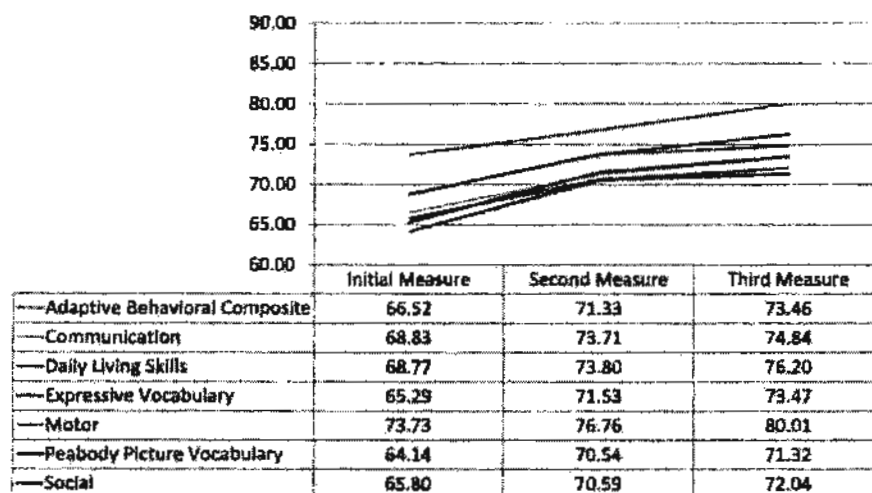
Examined children who:

1. Began PDD program in years 2007-2011
2. Completed three assessment periods
3. Analysis sample of 332 complete records



Final Database

Average Standard Scores for Children in Each Domain over a Two-Year Period



Measures

- Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales
 - Communication
 - Daily Living Skills
 - Socialization
 - Motor Skills
 - Adaptive Behavior Composite (ABC)
- Receptive Language (Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test – PPVT)
- Expressive Language (Expressive Vocabulary Test – EVT)

Objective 3

DOES THE NUMBER OF TREATMENT HOURS RECEIVED AFFECT OUTCOMES?

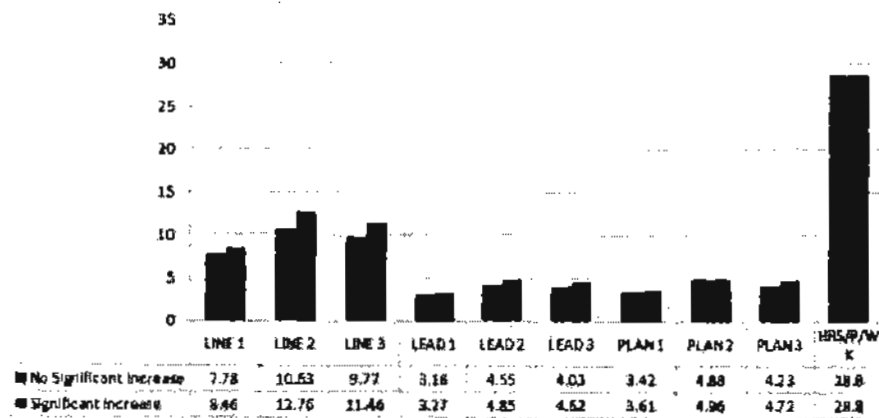


Objective 2

DO CHILD OUTCOMES DIFFER BY A CHILD'S AGE-AT-ENROLLMENT, BASELINE FUNCTIONING, OR GENDER?



**Significant Change in Adaptive Behavioral Composite (ABC)
Comparison of Treatment Hours**



Gains in Adaptive Behavior

- Older children tended to improve less than younger children during the second year
- Boys and girls show similar improvement
- Children with lower baseline ABC scores improved more than children with higher ABC scores
- Children with lower baseline language performance assessments (PPVT, EVT) improved less than those with higher baseline scores on these assessments



QUESTIONS?

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CONCLUSIONS

**Are children in the PDD program
improving? Yes!**

- **Children who participate in the PDD Program achieve significant improvements in their adaptive behaviors and language skills.**
- **These improvements were significantly greater during the first year of the program than the second year.**
- **Child age, level of functioning at entry, and treatment hours may influence child outcomes.**

WAITING LIST REDUCTION PROJECTS

WAIVER	July 1, 2014 WAITING INDIVIDUALS	December 31, 2014 WAITING INDIVIDUALS	SLOTS ALLOCATED	ENROLLED	PENDING ENROLLMENT	UNABLE TO BE ENROLLED
Intellectual Disability/Related Disabilities	5442	5237	1019	311	492	216
Community Supports	4280	3503	1562	317	662	583

WAIVER	October 1, 2013 WAITING INDIVIDUALS	December 31, 2014 WAITING INDIVIDUALS	SLOTS ALLOCATED	ENROLLED	PENDING ENROLLMENT	UNABLE TO BE ENROLLED
Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI)	139	0	416	178	192	46

**Pervasive Developmental Disorder Program Quarterly Report
July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014**

WAIVER	NEW CONSUMERS REMOVED FROM THE WAITING LIST DUE TO SLOT ALLOCATION	NEXT PERSON TO BE AWARDED A SLOT ON THE WAITING LIST WAS THIS NUMBER ON JULY 1, 2013
Pervasive Developmental Disorder	236	335

**PDD Program Data
July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014**

1. Number Currently Enrolled in the PDD Waiver	660
2. Number Currently Enrolled in the PDD State - Funded Program	281
3. Total Number Enrolled in the PDD Program	941
4. Number Added to the PDD Waiting List July 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014	369
5. Number of Slots Awarded July 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014	236
6. Number Currently on the PDD Waiting List	1,428

BabyNet Transition Data

1. Number Transitioned FY 2013 October 16, 2012 – June 30, 2013	86
2. Number Transitioned FY 2014 July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014	176
3. Number Transitioned FY 2015 July 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014	126
4. Total Number Transitioned	388

**South Carolina Department Of Disabilities & Special Needs
As Of December 31, 2014**

<u>Service List</u>	<u>11/30/14</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>Removed</u>	<u>12/31/14</u>
Critical Needs	74	25	31	68
Pervasive Developmental Disorder Program	1402	68	42	1428
Intellectual Disability and Related Disabilities Waiver	5139	131	32	*5238
Community Supports Waiver	3443	126	66	*3503
Head and Spinal Cord Injury Waiver	0	21	21	0

Report Date: 1/6/14

*The total number of unduplicated names is approximately 5,900.

- Between 700 and 750 people are already enrolled in a DDSN-operated Medicaid waiver.
- Of the approximately 5,100 individuals not enrolled in a DDSN-operated Medicaid waiver, about 60% (3,100) are under age 21.
 - BabyNet services are available from birth to age three and then school services are available up to age 22.
 - Medicaid eligible children are eligible to receive State Plan Medicaid services such as prescriptions, PCA, nursing, incontinence supplies, dental, vision, medically necessary durable medical equipment services, etc. These are the same Medicaid services available to them if they were in the ID/RD waiver.