

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

MINUTES

August 20, 2015

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs met on Thursday, August 20, 2015, at 10:00 A.M. at the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Central Office, 3440 Harden Street Extension, Columbia, South Carolina.

The following were in attendance:

COMMISSION

Present:

Bill Danielson, Chairperson
Fred Lynn, Vice Chairman
Eva Ravenel, Secretary – Via Teleconference
Mary Ellen Barnwell
Katherine Davis
Gary Lemel
Vicki Thompson

DDSN Administrative Staff

Dr. Buscemi, State Director; Mrs. Susan Beck, Associate State Director, Policy; Mr. David Goodell, 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)

Pickens County DSN Board (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 4 Sign-In Sheet)

Whitten Regional Center (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 5 Sign-In Sheet)

York County DSN Board (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 6 York County Sign-In Sheet)

News Release of Meeting

Chairperson Danielson called the meeting to order and Commissioner Lynn 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

Commissioner Barnwell gave the invocation.

Adoption of the Agenda

The Commission adopted the August 20, 2015 Meeting Agenda by unanimous consent. (Attachment A)

Approval of the Minutes of the July 16, 2015 Commission Meetings

The Commission approved the July 16, 2015 Commission Meeting minutes by unanimous consent.

Public Input

Mrs. Deborah McPherson of Columbia, SC spoke on behalf of herself, Mr. Anthony Thompson of Columbia, SC spoke on behalf of Community Options, Inc., and Mr. Gerald Bernard of Spartanburg, SC spoke on behalf of the Charles Lea Center.

Commissioners' Update

Commissioners Thompson and Lemel spoke of events in their district.

FY 2017 Potential Budget Request Items Discussion

Dr. Buscemi stated she and staff have met with the Leadership Group of Providers and the Consumer, Family and Advocate Advisory Group to start initial discussions of the FY 2017 budget requests. Additional items were added after meeting with the Leadership Group of Providers. DDSN will have follow-up meetings once stakeholders reach out to their network for inputs. She anticipates that other items will be added. Dr. Buscemi then spoke in detail of each item request with the funding associated with the items. Discussion followed. It was suggested to add, "provider based" on the Regional Crisis Stabilization item and include funding to assist providers in converting to direct billing in relation to Proviso 36.13 as an additional item. (Attachment B)

Status Report on Investigation of HUD Related Room and Board Charges to Consumers

Mr. Waring shared a summary of the ten provider repayment plans as submitted to DDSN as of August 18, 2015. He added that DDSN will meet with providers if requested. Dr. Buscemi stated that SIG and DDSN staff have been meeting to make sure that we did our due diligence to make sure we have answered all questions. Other issues were discovered during the re-evaluation such as duplicate costs. There will be additional reviews to explore these issues. Dr. Buscemi also stated the HAP plan is complete and the accuracy of the Burkett, Burkett and Burkett spreadsheet used during the review was validated. Mr. Waring reported that DDSN's fifty percent share of the overcharges will be paid out based on the approved repayment plans of each Board. He will keep the Commission apprised of how DDSN is reimbursing the providers.

Dr. Buscemi stated the notification to families of reimbursement needs to be individualized. Dr. Buscemi spoke of the changes being made to prevent this issue from reoccurring in the future. Changes to the directives will be made for better understanding which will include a controlled modified spreadsheet or template. She also added that oversight by DDSN will be increased.

Commissioner Lemel stated the recent meeting with Senator Hayes was very beneficial because of the direct dialogue. Commissioner Lemel invited other providers to bridge the gap and extended an open invitation to the providers to contact him on any issue.

Waiting List Progress Report

Mrs. Beck gave a detailed update of the Intellectual Disability/Related Disabilities, the Community Supports and the Head and Spinal Cord reduction waiting list reduction efforts, as well as the Critical Needs List. She also presented a Pervasive Development Disorder Program Report that included BabyNet transition data. Mrs. Beck added that the number of individuals pending has improved. Dr. Buscemi stated case management supervisors will be meeting next week regarding pre-enrollment. Discussion followed regarding bed expansion and how many beds will be afforded by the funds appropriated by the legislature. Dr. Buscemi reported that DDSN will start rolling out 100 slots per week. A memo will be sent to the provider network notifying them of this initiative and to assist them with planning for people on their caseloads. Some of the funds will go to the HASCI population. (Attachment C)

Year-end Report on DDSN Eligibility Determinations

Mrs. Beck provided a chart representing requests for DDSN eligibility and confirmed eligibility determination as well as a chart representing the number of requests for DDSN Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) eligibility. (Attachment D)

Prioritization of Family/Consumer Survey Comparison of SC to National Standards

Mrs. Beck spoke of the one-year contract that DDSN has with the Council of Quality Leadership to engage in personal outcomes with consumer and families. Dr. Buscemi said this subject mirrors with the strategic planning process. Discussion followed. Dr. Buscemi will have staff create a report that may be more helpful to show how South Carolina stands based on the last NCI report across the four NCI surveys in the area of satisfaction.

Commission Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Lynn made the motion to reschedule the November 19, 2015 Commission Meeting to November 12, 2015 in order for Dr. Buscemi to attend the NASDDDS Board Meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Commission Meeting Locations

There was discussion as to whether to have Commission meetings at other locations. Chairman Danielson authorized staff to setup meetings at other locations on a quarterly basis. It was agreed to schedule the November meeting at the Pickens County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs.

State Director's Report

Dr. Buscemi reported on the following:

A half-day Commission work session is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2015 to discuss the strategic planning process.

There will be a new agenda item in October to invite providers to showcase their new employment initiatives.

SCDDHS Director, Christian Soura, will present at the September 17, 2015 Commission Meeting.

The September 17, 2015 Commission Meeting agenda will include the FY 2016 spending plan and prioritization of the FY 2017 budget request items.

Executive Session

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded and passed, the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss the Agency Director's evaluation.

Enter into Public Session

The Commission entered into Public Session. It was noted that no action was taken in the Executive Session.

State Director Performance Evaluation

Commissioner Lynn moved to have Chairperson Danielson complete the Agency Head's evaluation 2014-2015 based on discussion the Commission Members had. The motion was seconded and passed.


Next Regular Meeting Date/Adjournment

Chairperson Danielson announced the next Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2015 at the DDSN Central Office.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chairperson Danielson adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by,


Sandra J. Delaney

Approved:



Commissioner Eva Ravenel
Secretary

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Attachment 1

August 20, 2015

Guest Registration Sheet

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name and Organization

1. Lisa Weeks - DDSN
2. Chuck Norman - DDSN
3. Suzy Johnson Proboscis Center
4. Stephanie Williams Calhoun DSNB
5. Zenobia Corby Kershaw DSNB
6. Gerald Bennett Cherokee Lea Center
7. Deborah McPherson Richland County
8. Dorothy Goodwin Community Options
9. Joyce Davis BIASC
10. Phil Clarkson BIASC
11. Julie Cook DHHS
12. MaryEllen Barnwell committee
13. Dean Reed PCBOSW
14. Joe White Cherokee DSNB
15. CHERYLENGLISH SC DD COUNCIL
16. Keanne Johnston SCHSP
17. LINDA VELDHEER SLDPSN
18. Jay C Mize Ocker
19. Mike Moss Calhoun
20. David Foster DDSN

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21. Mary Pool YCBDSN
22. Bob Jones Newberry DSNB
23. Lon Hallman
24. Cindy Furr Newberry DSNB
25. ~~FREDERICK WILSON NEWBERRY DSNB~~
27. Connie Cokman Newberry DSNB
28. Margie Williamson The Arc of SC
29. Rebekah Phillips The Arc of SC
30. ~~JENNIFER PARKER~~ WHITTEN CENTER
31. Jennifer VanCleave LGOA
32. Ricc? Magner Charleston Dsn Bd.
33. Asha Porohit Protection and Advocacy
34. Mike Keith Marion-Dixon DSN
35. Thoyd Warren SC DSNB
36. Ann Dalton SCODSN
37. Ange Willis SFC
38. Christy Sears Family Connection
39. Diane Epperly SCSCID
40. Ralph Cumberly Aiken/TDC

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Attachment 2

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(PLEASE PRINT) Name and Organization

- 1. Mary Mack Lee County DSN B
- 2. Susan L Johnson Henry Co DSN
- 3. J C Hill SC D DSN
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1. JANICE FAWCETT, YORK DSN Board
2. Fredrika Moffatt, YORK DSN Board
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- 1. *Pat FASAN* *EDSON*
- 2. *Jimmy Buck* *Bart Center*
- 3. *Tara O. Glenn* *SCDDSN - Whitten Center*
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1. Elaine M. Thena PCBDSN

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A G E N D A

**South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
3440 Harden Street Extension
Conference Room 251
Columbia, South Carolina**

August 20, 2015

10:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order *Chairperson Bill Danielson*
2. Welcome - Notice of Meeting Statement *Commissioner Eva Ravenel*
3. Invocation *Commissioner Mary Ellen Barnwell*
4. Introduction of Guests
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Approval of the Minutes of the July 16, 2015 Commission Meeting
7. Public Input
8. Commissioners' Update *Commissioners*
9. Business:
 - A. FY 2017 Potential Budget Request Items Discussion *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
 - B. Status Report on Investigation of HUD Related Room and Board Charges To Consumers *Mr. Tom Waring*
 - C. Waiting List Reduction Efforts *Mrs. Susan Beck*
 - D. Year-end Report on DDSN Eligibility Determinations *Mrs. Susan Beck*
 - E. Prioritization of Family/Consumer Survey Comparison of SC to National Standards *Mrs. Susan Beck*
 - F. Commission Meeting Schedule *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
 - G. Commission Meeting Locations *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
10. State Director's Report *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
11. Executive Session
12. State Director Performance Evaluation *Chairperson Bill Danielson*
13. Next Regular Meeting (September 17, 2015)
14. Adjournment

PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING. THANK YOU.

Potential FY 2016-2017 Budget Request Items
For Stakeholder Input and Discussion

(In no order of priority)

PDD Service Funding for non-Medicaid eligible children and rate increases

Residential Services for Aging Caregiver Relief

Waiting Lists – In-home services

Employment Final Rule – Transition from school to work and from workshop to work

Continue transition from Regional Centers to Community

Provider MOE

Post-Acute Rehab

Out-of-State TBI inpatient placements for specialized neurological behavioral services.

Regional Crisis Stabilization – In-home based and Regional Center

Non-emergency designated respite beds

Compression/Recruitment/Retention

Greenwood Genetic Center Services

BCBA credentialing and continuing of growth of professionals in this area (Provider suggestion)

DOL proposed ruling and overtime for hourly caregivers (Provider suggestion)

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Waiting List Reduction Efforts

As of August 1, 2015

Waiting List	Number of Individuals Removed from Waiting Lists	Consumer/Family Determination		Number of Individuals Services are Pending
		Number of Individuals Enrolled in a Waiver	Number of Individuals Opted for Other Services/ Determined Ineligible	
Intellectual Disability/Related Disabilities	1,806	786	493	527
Community Supports	2,601	759	1,260	582
Head and Spinal Cord Injury	548	247	107	194
		1,792	1,860	
Total	4,955	3,652		1,303

Waiting List *	Number of Individuals Added Between July 1, 2014 and July 31, 2015	Number of Individuals Waiting as of August 1, 2015
Intellectual Disability/Related Disabilities	1,953	5,559
Community Supports	1,999	3,624
Total	3,952	9,183

* There is no longer a Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Waiver waiting list.

** Approximately 33 percent of 9,183 are duplicated names.

Pervasive Developmental Disorder Program Report
July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

1. Number Currently Enrolled in the PDD Waiver	703
2. Number Currently Enrolled in the PDD State – Funded Program	284
3. Total Number Enrolled in the PDD Program	987
4. Number Added to the PDD Waiting List July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015	798
5. Number of Slots Awarded July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015	463
6. Number Currently on the PDD Waiting List	1,573

BabyNet Transition Data

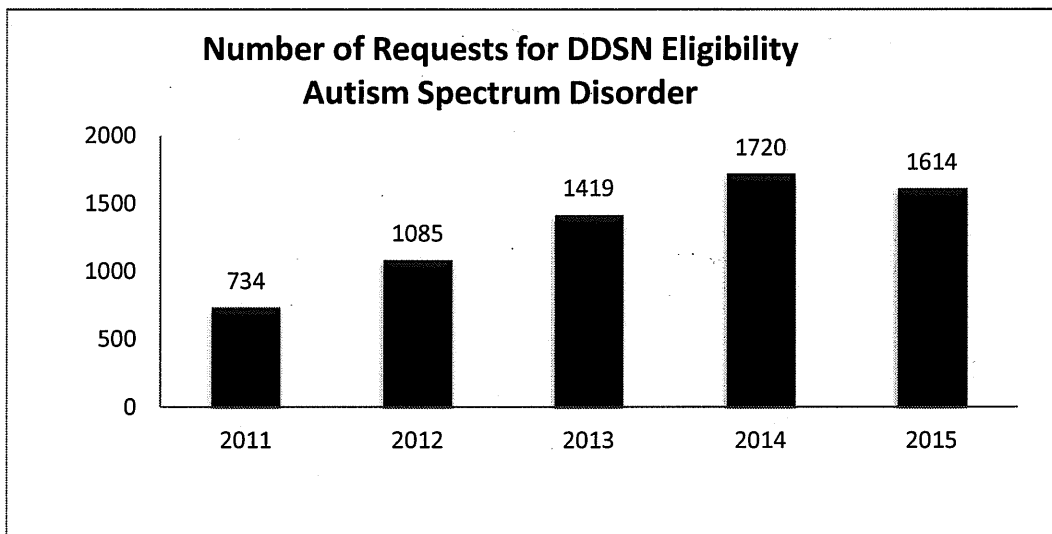
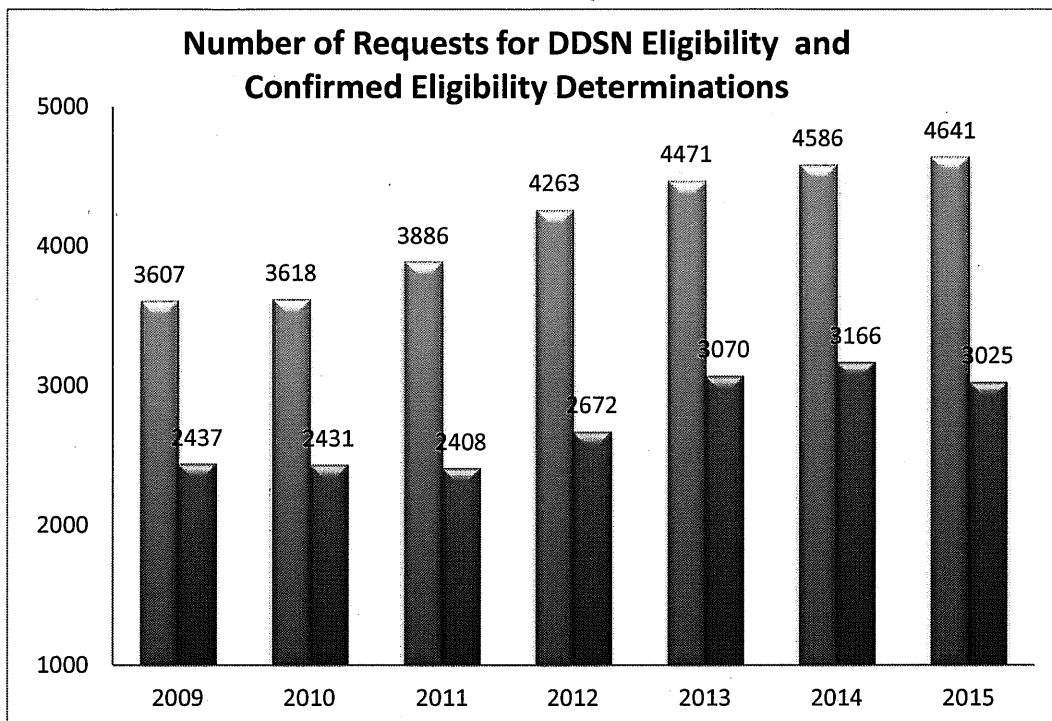
1. Number Transitioned FY 2013 October 16, 2012 – June 30, 2013	86
2. Number Transitioned FY 2014 July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014	176
3. Number Transitioned FY 2015 July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015	262
4. Total Number Transitioned	524

**South Carolina Department Of Disabilities & Special Needs
As Of July 31, 2015**

Service List	06/30/15	Added	Removed	07/31/15
Critical Needs	132	39	40	131
Pervasive Developmental Disorder Program	1573	52	37	1588
Intellectual Disability and Related Disabilities Waiver	5473	226	140	5559
Community Supports Waiver	3614	185	175	3624
Head and Spinal Cord Injury Waiver	0	20	20	0

Report Date: 8/10/15

**DDSN Eligibility Determinations
Year-end Report**



Requests for DDSN eligibility determination have increased nearly 29 percent over the past six years. Two significant changes are driving this increase. Based on 2010 data, the Center for Disease Control published an increased prevalence rate of autism from 1:88 to 1:68, a 30 percent increase.

In 2013 the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition (DSM-5) issued new criteria for the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The new ASD diagnosis is broader and now encompasses what had been four separate disorders. Two of the former disorders did not meet DDSN eligibility criteria as established by state law. Over the last five years, the number of requests for eligibility under the ASD category has increased nearly 120 percent.