

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

MINUTES

November 20, 2014

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs met on Thursday, November 20, 2014, 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
Fred Lynn, Vice Chairman
Eva Ravenel, Secretary
Bill Danielson
Katherine Davis
Katherine Finley
Harvey Shiver

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)

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

Commissioner Fred Lynn gave the invocation.

Adoption of the Agenda

The Commission adopted the November 20, 2014 Meeting Agenda by unanimous consent. (Attachment A)

Approval of the Minutes of the **October 23, 2014** Commission Meetings

The Commission approved the October 23, 2014 Commission Meeting minutes with a change by unanimous consent.

Public Input

Mr. Rick Magner, Executive Director of the Disabilities Board of Charleston County, spoke on behalf of the SC Disability Service Provider Coalition.

Commissioners' Update

Commissioners Katherine Finley, Fred Lynn, Harvey Shiver, spoke of events or concerns.

CLOUD Project Update

Mrs. Susan Beck gave a presentation providing a detailed update of the CLOUD (Customized Living Options Uniquely Designed) Pilot Project. The pilot project is designed to create a customized plan for an individual to transition from a 24-hour supervised setting to a semi-independent living arrangement. It is right in line with CMS' new definition of community-based settings where people have choices of where they live, with whom they live, and which support professionals work with them.

Dr. Buscemi spoke of the challenges the agency has faced with the CLOUD pilot. The first issue was with the State Fire Marshal. Because the Fire Marshal thought the homes should have sprinkler systems, not treating the as single residential homes, it would be DDSN's judgment call as to whether the agency would treat homes as single residential homes. Dr. Buscemi stated DDSN is sensitive to the individuals' safety, however, it does

not want to hinder choice for individuals to rent a home. DDSN developed an assessment for self-preservation for each individual which the Fire Marshal has reviewed. DDSN and the Fire Marshal have come to an agreement. The second issue is with the effort of backfilling the vacancies in the CTH IIs as a result of people moving to the CLOUD project. Dr. Buscemi stated she will not give approval for expansion until the current 22 participants are placed. Discussion followed. (Attachment B)

Mr. Michael Trisler of Spartanburg spoke of his positive experience as a CLOUD participant. Dr. Jerry Bernard of the Charles Lea Center also provided reflections on his impressions of the CLOUD pilot from a provider perspective.

One Time Use of Funding

Dr. Buscemi shared the plan for one time use of funds to facilitate service expansion. She stated that she received legislative input and participated in group discussions with providers to come up with the plan. Commissioner Fred Lynn made the motion to authorize the use of one time funding in the amount of \$2,475,000 to facilitate service expansion. The motion was seconded and passed. (Attachment C)

NASDDDS Update

Dr. Buscemi recently attended the Annual NASDDDS Conference and reported on the following topics: the DOL Companionship Rule, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Conflict Free Case Management, and service definitions and how they tie into the transition plan.

Medicaid Updates

Dr. Buscemi and Mrs. Susan Beck gave a Medicaid update. Dr. Buscemi spoke of the October 22, 2014 letter from DHHS and the two letters from providers. She reported that DDSN is having conversations with DHHS about implementation. The change in rates would cause a \$40 million impact and DDSN cannot run a deficit. Both agencies have many questions regarding the implementation of the October 22, 2014 letter.

Mrs. Beck reported that DHHS and DDSN have agreed on the administrative contract content, however, both agencies are addressing the financial portion of the contract next.

Mrs. Beck spoke of the Autism Summit that was held November 12, 2014. There was a good turnout and good discussion on future services for the autism population when the new state plan services begin.

Mrs. Beck reported that the PDD Waiver renewal that was submitted at the end of September is being reviewed by CMS. SCDHHS was informed verbally by CMS that the PDD Waiver will not be renewed but extended until

the new state plan autism services are in place. There is a need for respite; however, CMS does not allow respite to be provided within the state plan.

Mrs. Beck reported that CMS has communicated that DHHS has to pull back the IDD/RD Waiver renewal that was submitted in September due to concerns with the public notice and input. Dr. Buscemi shared the schedule of the remaining meetings.

Waiting List Report

Mrs. Susan Beck provided a detailed report of the ID/RD and the Community Supports waiting lists including a monthly report on the Critical Needs List. (Attachment D)

State Director's Report

Dr. Buscemi gave a report on Therap stating that Therap staff were here the first week of November meeting with all divisions and providers currently using Therap to create a blueprint for implementation. Therap is currently determining the needs and costs of the infrastructure. DDSN acknowledges there will be ongoing costs such as internet access and computers. DDSN wants to be able to assist the providers in covering this additional cost. In March of 2015, DDSN will begin using Therap for residential and day services and consumers and Therap will replace the majority of CDSS by the end of 2015. Training will be offered before the implementation.

Dr. Buscemi reported on case management and MTCM. The current billing rate of MTCM is at 75/25 percent blended rate. Providers have had increased productivity which has resulted in increased revenue to DDSN so the case management rate paid to providers will be adjusted upwards from \$111.78 to \$133.00. DDSN anticipates the new rate will go into effect December 1, 2014. Dr. Buscemi stated this is the 75/25 rate which will change when the blended rate changes. This rate could change again if the provider billing activities change.

Executive Session

On motion of Commissioner Bill Danielson, seconded and passed, the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss legal and contractual matters.

Enter into Public Session

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

Next Regular Meeting Date

Chairperson Christine Sharp announced the next regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2014 with the starting time to be determined. The meeting will be held at the Midlands Center.

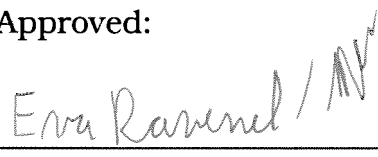
Adjournment

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

Submitted by,


Sandra J. Delaney

Approved:



Commissioner Eva Ravenel
Secretary

SC COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND
Commission Meeting

Attachment 1

November 20, 2014

Guest Registration Sheet

(PLEASE PRINT) Name and Organization

1. Judy Johnson Rebecca Center
2. Mary Polk York County BDSN
3. Mary Leithner RLDSNB
4. Kathleen Roberts ^{KATHLEEN ROBERTS} White Center Parents Club
5. Nancy Hall Midlands Center
6. Rice Magner SC Disability Serv Prov. Coalition
7. Shondale Hall DDSN
8. Ron Lefts Orangeburg
9. Don Ryan Coastal Grim BDSN
10. Gene W. Bennett Charles Lea Center
11. Latonda Moore Charles Lea Center
12. Angela Griffith Charles Lea Center
13. Michael Traber Charles Lea Center
14. D. Rotholz USC/CDP
15. Deborah & Heather Mephesen Richland County
16. LINDA VELDHEER SCODSN
17. Richard Johnson Coastal Center
18. Suzanne Johnson " "
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- 21. _____
- 22. Kathy Martin PCA
- 23. Sandra Joy Coastal Center
- 24. Mark Meyers Coastal Center
- 25. Heather Joy BIASC
- 27. Julie Cook DHHS
- 28. Cassidy Evans DHHS
- 29. George NAKY DHHS
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Attachment 2

Guest Registration Sheet

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2. Rufus Smith

3. Gloria M. JAMES Bamberg DSN Bd.

4. Felita Martinez DDSN DIST ~~II~~

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(PLEASE PRINT) Name and Organization

- 1. Susan John Horry County DSN
- 2. Deborah K. Smith DDSN
- 3. J. H. D. SCDDSNB
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- 1. John King SCODSN
- 2. Pat Flynn SCODSN
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Attachment 5

Guest Registration Sheet

(PLEASE PRINT) Name and Organization

1. Sonya Lopez, YCBDSN
2. Janice Fowler, YCBDSN
3. Michelle Shaffer, YCBDSN
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SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AN

A G E N D A

**South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Midlands Center
8301 Farrow Road
Collaborative Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29203**

November 20, 2014

10:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order *Chairperson Christine Sharp*
2. Welcome - Notice of Meeting Statement *Commissioner Eva Ravenel*
3. Invocation *Commissioner Fred Lynn*
4. Introduction of Guests
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Approval of the Minutes of the October 23, 2014 Commission Meeting
9. Public Input
10. Commissioners' Update *Commissioners*
11. Business:
 - A. CLOUD Project Update *Mrs. Susan Beck*
 - B. One Time Use of Funding *Mr. Michael Trisler/Dr. Jerry Bernard*
 - C. NASDDDS Update *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
 - D. Medicaid Updates *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
 - E. Waiting List *Dr. Buscemi/Mrs. Susan Beck*
Mrs. Susan Beck
12. State Director's Report *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
13. Executive Session - will be closed to the public
14. Enter into Public Session
15. Next Meeting Date (December 18, 2014 at the Midlands Center)
16. Adjournment

DDSN Residential Services Pilot Project



THE CLOUD PROJECT
Customized Living Options
Uniquely Designed

The CLOUD Pilot Providers

- Babcock Center
- Charles Lea Center
- CHESCO
- Georgetown County DSNB



Why The CLOUD?

1. Key Provisions of the CMS HCBS Settings Final Rule

- The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community;
- Is selected by the individual from among setting options;
- Ensures individual rights of privacy, dignity & respect;
- Optimizes autonomy and independence in making life choices; and
- Facilitates choice regarding services and who provides them.

Why The CLOUD?

2. National Core Indicator Data for South Carolina

People who chose or had input in choosing where they live: 53%

- This means 47% did not choose or have input.

People who chose or had some input choosing roommates: 34%

- This means 66% did not choose or have some input.

NCI Data

People who would like to live somewhere else:

SC = 39%

NCI average = 27%

Community Inclusion Scale Score:

SC = 9.9

NCI average = 12.7

How Does the CLOUD Begin?

- ✓ Aggregated Support Intensity Scale Data & Provider Interest
- ✓ Provider Orientation
- ✓ Identification of Potential Participants
- ✓ Informational Sessions
- ✓ Assessment & Interview
- ✓ Transition Plan, Team Orientation, Team Meetings
- ✓ Selection of Participants & Project Overview

The CLOUD Participant Training

Created to promote development and independence in people with disabilities

- A customized plan is developed based on the Support Intensity Scale (SIS) assessment.
- Competency-based training is provided to participants based on plan, pre- and post- move.
- People are fully supported to choose roommate, staff, and home, among other things.

The CLOUD Staff Training

- Competency-based training to staff is provided pre- and post- move.
- Training focuses on engagement and interactions, teaching new skills, dignity and risk, and medical and health advocacy.
- Training also prepares them to take certification exam from the National Association of People with Dual Diagnoses
 - 16 direct support staff have been certified to date.

Lessons Learned Through Piloting

- Staff and Participant Training
 - Scheduling Close Together
 - Close to Move
 - In-Home
- Licensing Details
 - Type of Residence-Single Family Home
 - Inspections and Development of a Self-Preservation Assessment
- Backfilling Vacancies From Regional Center
 - Compatibility of Individuals

The CLOUD Participants

- 9 people have moved into a CLOUD home or apartment
- By the first of December, 8 more will move
- By the end of December, 5 more will move

The CLOUD Monthly Fidelity Checks

- Assess progress of implementation
- Provide support to participants and staff
- Ensure levels and types of supports to participants are adequate and appropriate
- Identify additional training needs of participant or staff

The CLOUD Reliability Checks

- Occur at 90-days post-move (and every 90-days thereafter, if needed) to:
 - Assess if participants are ready to move into next phase
 - Determine provider's readiness to implement CLOUD using its own trainers

The CLOUD Train-the-Trainer

- Once the reliability check has determined provider's readiness to implement CLOUD, a 2-day train-the-trainer workshop takes place to provider training staff. A certificate is provided to each trainer upon successful completion.
- Charles Lea Center (CLC) has completed the first train-the-trainer workshop: 3 staff are certified.
- CLC held its first Information Session on November 17:
 - 25 staff and 24 consumers attended; all but 1 consumer wanted to move forward

The CLOUD Financial Impact

The projected cost savings this fiscal year based on move-in dates for just 22 people is over \$300,000.

These resources will be redirected to further DDSN's initiatives to individualize services and supports.

Low Needs Residential Band G: \$57,988	High Needs Residential Band H: \$78,413
CLOUD Band K: \$30,828	CLOUD Band L: \$44,597

The CLOUD Expansion Plans

Continue to work with current providers to get them certified to implement CLOUD on their own

Later, begin work with new providers through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process

The CLOUD Expansion Plans

Use SIS data along with other data to:

- help verify if an individual would be successful in the CLOUD
- work with providers to prompt discussions regarding individuals they may be serving with support needs meeting CLOUD criteria

Take Home Points

- Pilot Project is focused on doing the right thing for people in accordance with the CMS HCBS Final Rule
- Increasing the ability of staff to focus less on "supervising" and more on "active engagement"
- Cost savings compared to other similar residential services
- Self-sufficiency of the model through fidelity and reliability checks and Train the Trainer for providers
- Health and safety is maintained

CLOUD Perspectives

Participant's Perspective

- Mr. Michael Trisler

Provider Perspective

- Dr. Jerry Bernard



One-time Use of Funds to Facilitate Service Expansion

DDSN recognizes there are one-time costs associated with service expansion. The agency has worked with providers to determine the greatest areas of need. DDSN is proposing the use of recurring funds for one-time purposes to build system capacity and initiate new services. As new services are developed and phased in, the recurring funds will then be utilized for continuation of recurring services.

1. Case Management Program

- DDSN will provide a \$250 per person onetime supplement payment to DDSN qualified providers of case management for DDSN individuals to facilitate the enrollment process in DDSN operated waivers or the consolidated state funded service package.
- This supplement will assist the provider with completing the necessary tasks associated with the enrollment process and be paid whether or not the person completes the enrollment process.
- Payment will include every individual in the enrollment process since July 1, 2014.
- Providers will be given flexibility within their organizations to use these onetime funds for non Medicaid billable case management activities.
- DDSN will work with providers to determine a method of reporting activities funded.
- **Projected Fiscal Impact: \$ 850,000**

2. Training Supports

- Staff training is essential. However, travel to and participation in necessary training is not a Medicaid billable activity. This hampers providers' ability to send their staff to valuable training.
- DDSN will pay for attendance at DDSN sponsored or approved training related to case management.
- DDSN will pay for attendance at DDSN sponsored or approved population specific trainings in order to expand provider options.
- DDSN will pay for attendance at DDSN sponsored or approved trainings related specifically to quality improvement and required system changes.
- Providers will receive a stipend for attendees to compensate for billable time lost to attend training. The stipend amount will vary depending on the length of the training session. When travel is required, travel time will be included in the determination of the training stipend for attending the training.
- Trainings will be open to any provider serving DDSN eligible consumers.
- Trainings will be offered via web-based options or using video conference technologies as often as possible to minimize travel.
- **Projected Fiscal Impact: \$ 625,000**

3. Day Support Expansion

- DDSN will provide a \$350 per person onetime supplement payment to a DDSN qualified provider chosen by the individual for their DDSN funded day supports.
- Payments will include every individual who begins receiving a DDSN funded day service since July 1, 2014.
- Providers will have flexibility within their organization to use the funds to best meet the day service needs including but not limited to: vehicles, furniture, and advanced hiring of staff in preparation for service expansion.
- DDSN will work with providers to determine a method of reporting activities funded.
- **Projected Fiscal Impact: \$ 1,000,000**

TOTAL PROJECTED FISCAL IMPACT: \$2,475,000

Planned Rotation of Monthly Commission Reports on Quarterly Waiting List Progress

FY 2014-2015	ID/RD	Community Supports	PDD	HASCI
July Annual Report	X	X	X	X
August	X	X		
September				X
October			X	
November	X	X		
December				X
January			X	
February	X	X		
March				X
April			X	
May	X	X		
June				X

Critical List updates will be provided monthly

**MOVEMENT OF WAIVER WAITING LISTS:
JULY 1, 2014 TO OCTOBER 31, 2014**

WAIVER	NEXT PERSON TO BE AWARDED A SLOT ON THE WAITING LIST WAS THIS NUMBER ON JULY 1, 2014
Intellectual Disability/Related Disability (ID/RD)	907
Community Supports (CS)	1404

WAIVER	SLOTS ALLOCATED	ENROLLED	PENDING	NOT ENROLLED
ID/RD	921	193	565	163
CS	1339	211	667	461

WAITING LIST TOTALS

WAIVER	June 30, 2014	October 31, 2014
ID/RD	5442	5070
COMMUNITY SUPPORTS	4280	3466

The total number of unduplicated names is approximately 5,800.

- Between 750 and 800 people are already enrolled in a DDSN-operated Medicaid waiver.
- Of the approximately 5,000 individuals not enrolled in a DDSN-operated Medicaid waiver, about 60% (3,000) 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.

South Carolina Department Of Disabilities Special Needs
 Critical Needs List Activity For 9/30/2014 Through 10/31/2014

	As Of 9/30/2014	Added During The Period	Removed During The Period	As Of 10/31/2014
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Coastal	13	4	9	8
Midlands	24	11	9	26
Pee Dee	10	3	7	6
Piedmont	10	10	6	14
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Total:	57	28	31	54
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