

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

SPECIAL CALLED COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 30, 2022

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs met on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at 9:30 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 Via Microsoft Teams

Stephanie Rawlinson – Chairman

Barry Malphrus – Vice Chairman

Robin Blackwood – Secretary

Eddie Miller

David Thomas

Absent

Gary Kocher, MD

Michelle Woodhead

DDSN Administrative Staff

Michelle Fry, State Director; Constance Holloway, General Counsel; Lori Manos, Associate State Director of Policy; Janet Priest, Associate State Director of Operations; Greg Meetze, Chief Information Officer; Nancy Rumbaugh, Interim Chief Financial Officer; Preston Southerner, Information Technology Division; and Christie Linguard, Administrative Coordinator.

Call to Order and Notice of Meeting Statement

Chairman Rawlinson called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and Commission Secretary, Robin Blackwood read a statement of announcement about the meeting that was distributed to the appropriate media, interested persons, and posted at the Central Office and on the website in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Malphrus, seconded by Commissioner Blackwood and unanimously approved by the Commission members, the agenda was approved as presented. (Attachment A)

Financial Approval for Fiscal Year 2023 Contracts Over \$200,000

State Director Michelle Fry presented the list of eight (8) contracts for approval. These contracts are all over the \$200,000 threshold for approval. Dr. Fry noted that a few of the contracts (SC Respite Coalition, USC – Center for Disabilities Resources, and Palmetto Psychiatry Consultants, LLC) were less than \$200,000 last year but because of an increase in services the contract amounts changed slightly. Two contracts (Greenwood Genetic and Special Olympics) are pass through funds mandated by legislature.

Dr. Fry stated that in the future, the agency will engage in multi-year contracts with several of the agency’s existing contracts. Commissioner Malphrus noted that he likes the idea of a one-year contract, because this allows the agency to change the dollar value on a contract each year. He went on to suggest that the Finance and Audit Committee should look into reconsidering the value amounts of the contracts.

Commissioner Blackwood made a motion to approve all of the contracts listed by the DDSN staff as presented, seconded by Commissioner Miller and unanimously approved by the commission. (Attachment B)

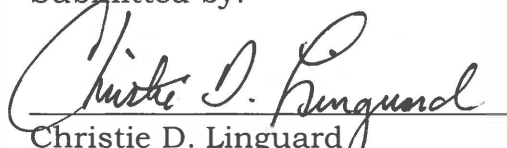
Commissioner Malphrus wanted the minutes to reflect a listing of all eight (8) contracts approved and their amounts:

- Babcock Center – \$870,135
- Charles Lea Center – \$1,527,326
- SC Respite Coalition – \$257,000
- Special Olympics - \$250,000
- USC – Training Programs for Attendant Care - \$200,000
- USC – Center for Disabilities Resources - \$316,699
- Greenwood Genetics - \$10,455,000
- Palmetto Psychiatry Consultants, LLC - \$249,000

Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Malphrus seconded by Commissioner Blackwood and unanimously approved by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Submitted by:

  
Christie D. Linguard  
Administrative Coordinator

Approved by:

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Commissioner Robin Blackwood  
Secretary

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**A G E N D A**

**South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs  
3440 Harden Street Extension  
Columbia, SC**

**June 30, 2022**

**9:30 A.M.**

1. Call to Order *Chairman Stephanie Rawlinson*
2. Notice of Meeting Statement *Commissioner Robin Blackwood*
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Financial Approval for Fiscal Year 2023 Contracts Over \$200,000
6. Adjournment



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### FY23 CONTRACTS FOR APPROVAL

**Please note, all of the contracts listed below are continuation of an existing contract. There are no new contracts to approve.**

Contract	FY23 Amount	FY22 Amount	Brief Description
<b>Babcock Center</b> <i>Medical Model Residential</i>	\$870,135	\$840,842	Medical Model Residential are ICF facilities housing individuals with higher intense medical needs. For example, individuals with feeding tubes or colostomy bags require more intense nursing and cannot necessarily be handled by DSPs alone.
<b>Charles Lea Center</b> <i>Medical Model Residential</i>	\$1,527,326	\$1,345,653	Medical Model Residential are ICF facilities housing individuals with higher intense medical needs. For example, individuals with feeding tubes or colostomy bags require more intense nursing and cannot necessarily be handled by DSPs alone.
<b>SC Respite Coalition</b> <i>Respite Training for Caregivers &amp; Families and Background Checks for Caregivers*</i>	\$257,000	\$188,638	This is a continuation of an existing contract. However, for FY 23, an increase of \$68,362 is being requested due to increased volume of caregivers and families and increased costs.
<b>Special Olympics</b> <i>Unified Sports Program</i>	\$250,000	\$250,000	The DDSN Contract with Special Olympics provides funding for the Special Olympics of South Carolina Inc. for their Unified Sports Program. This funding is for offering Unified Sports programs in all available sports, to recruit athletes for available sports, and to offer competition and training opportunities in all available sports.

Contract	FY23 Amount	FY22 Amount	Brief Description
<b>USC - Training Programs for Attendant Care</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	This is a continuation of an existing contract at the current contract amount. This contract provides nursing oversight of the self-directed attendant care program. Activities include reviewing participant assessments for self-direction, conducting match visits between workers and Waiver participants, and tracking recertification requirements of workers.
<b>USC - Center for Disabilities Resources</b> <i>Training Programs and Technical Assistance for Staff</i>	\$316,699	\$162,484	This is a continuation of an existing contract. However, for FY 23, an additional service is being purchased. The additional service is the provision of Positive Behavior Supports training to those referred by DDSN. This addition resulted in an increased cost of \$154,215 for the year. The Positive Behavior Supports Training initiative was brought to Finance and Audit Committee and the Full Commission in March.
<b>Greenwood Genetic</b> <i>Greenwood Genetic Center Combines Services</i>	\$10,455,000	\$8,300,000	The Greenwood Genetics Center (GGC) contract provides funding to support the work of the GGC as well as for services they provide to DDSN eligible individuals. This funding for GGC comes to DDSN under a Special Item Funded Program that is built into our Agency's base appropriations from the legislature. The scope of services includes autism research, genetic testing, genetic counseling, and neural tube defect prevention. The amount of this contract for the previous year was \$8.3 million and grew because of Medicaid billing.
<b>Palmetto Psychiatry Consultants, LLC</b> <i>Dr. Jesse Raley</i>	\$249,000 <i>(maximum)</i>	\$148,000	This is a continuation of an existing contract. However, for FY 23, additional services are being purchased and the rate per hour increased (from \$210 to \$255). These changes resulted in a \$101,000 increase to the maximum amount which may be billed during the year. The additional services being purchased include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1213 1154 1885 1214">i. Participation in the Interdisciplinary Technical Assistance Committee (ITAC); and</li> <li data-bbox="1213 1219 1885 1383">ii. Outreach and training to various behavioral health professionals, other service providers including to, medical professionals and other professionals who deliver services and support to those eligible for DDSN services.</li> </ul>