

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

MINUTES

January 17, 2013

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs met on Thursday, January 17, 2013, at 12:00 Noon at the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Central Office, 3440 Harden Street Extension, Columbia, South Carolina.

The following were in attendance:

COMMISSION

Present:

Fred Lynn, Chairman
Deborah McPherson, Vice Chairman
Christine Sharp, Secretary
Katherine Finley
Eva Ravenel
Harvey Shiver

Absent

Katherine Davis

DDSN Administrative Staff

Dr. Buscemi, State Director; Dr. Kathi Lacy, 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 Coastal Regional Center Sign-In Sheet)

Pee Dee Regional Center (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 3 Pee Dee Regional Center Sign-In Sheet)

Whitten Regional Center (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 4 Whitten Center Regional Center Sign-In Sheet)

York County DSN Board (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 5 York County Sign-In Sheet)

News Release of Meeting

Chairman Fred Lynn called the meeting to order and Commissioner Christine Sharp read a statement of announcement about the meeting that had been 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 Eva Ravenel gave the invocation.

Adoption of the Agenda

The Commission adopted the January 17, 2013 Meeting Agenda as corrected by unanimous consent. (Attachment A)

Approval of the Minutes of the December 20, 2012 Meetings

The Commission approved the minutes of the December 20, 2012 Commission Meeting by unanimous consent.

Public Input

There were no requests to participate in Public Input.

Report from DSN Boards

Ms. Elizabeth Krauss spoke on behalf of the SC Human Service Providers Association.

Commissioners' Update

Commissioner Christine Sharp spoke of events and meetings that she attended and shared news of upcoming events in her district.

New Business

Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Waiver Renewal

Dr. Kathi Lacy provided a handout detailing the proposal for the five-year renewal of the HASCI Waiver which included the substantive changes and the technical changes. As part of the renewal process, there will be a public meeting at DDSN on Thursday, January 31, 2013, 4:00 p.m. – 6 p.m. to discuss the HASCI Waiver program, required and proposed changes and to receive public comment. Discussion followed. Comments will be made available to the Commission at the next meeting. Discussion followed. Commissioner Deborah McPherson motioned that the Commission direct staff

to include service coordination in the HASCI Waiver renewal. The motion was seconded and passed. (Attachment B)

Midyear Financial Update

Mr. Tom Waring stated that DDSN is on target to meet its financial obligations and is staying in line with the spending plan the Commission previously approved. Mr. Waring went over the budget chart in detail that outlines the Governor's executive budget.

State Director's Report

Dr. Buscemi reported on the following topics:

Budget – Dr. Buscemi spoke of the letter she sent to the Governor thanking her for the very important funding recommendations she included for DDSN in her 2013-2014 Executive Budget.

Budget Presentation - DDSN's budget presentation to the House Ways and Means Subcommittee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 29, 2013 one and one-half hours after adjournment.

LAC audit - The audit is a follow-up from the 2008 audit and a new inquiry into other areas based on legislative request. DDSN has provided requested information and continues to gather other requested information. DDSN has long since completed all the recommendations of the 2008 audit other than the ones that are not within the agency's scope of authority. DDSN will be sending out communication to the provider network notifying them that members of the LAC audit team may be contacting them or coming to their programs. Updates of the audit will be provided.

MTCM - The 15-minute unit and new system officially started January 1, 2013. Meetings with DHHS regarding MTCM are ongoing. There has been discussion about adding a different waiver service that will cover additional activities necessary for management and assurance necessary for waiver operations. Next phase of rate change is scheduled to go into effect July 2013.

Waiting Lists - The requested Waiting Lists unduplicated numbers report is being compiled and will be presented at the February Commission meeting.

OIG - Dr. Buscemi gave a recap on the OIG issue. Providers have been notified on how to be in compliance with the "new way" in calculating room and board allocations. The Governor's budget funded the annual difference for this OIG required change. The amount does not cover any payback, just ongoing annual difference.

Administrative Cost Issue - There is nothing concrete to report on the Administrative Cost issue. Governor's budget funded DDSN's current estimate of annual cost of this change.

Executive Session

On motion of Commissioner Eva Ravenel, seconded and passed, the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss an employment matter 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.

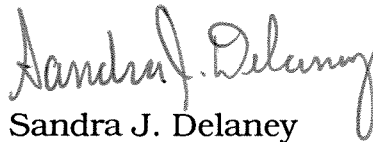
Next Regular Meeting Date

Chairman Fred Lynn announced the next regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2013 with the starting time to be announced later.


Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Fred Lynn adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by,


Sandra J. Delaney

Approved:



Commissioner Christine Sharp
Secretary

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Attachment 1

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Guest Registration Sheet

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name and Organization

1. LINDA VELDHEER DASN
2. JAY ALTMAN Chester-Lancaster DSN
3. DIAN RYAN Cousin, Cousin BDN
4. Kathleen ROBERTS SEAPOO-WATTEN CENTER PARENTS CLUB
5. RAY ROBERTS SCAPPD - " " " "
6. Phil Clarkson BIASC
7. Craig Stoxen SCAS
8. Bob Jones Allendale Barnwell DSN B
9. Jennifer Buster SUDSEN
10. Sarah St. Ony P+A
11. Angelen Sacidone SE Spinal Cord Injury Assoc.
12. Jyfa Onis BIASC
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Commission Work Session

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1. Lisa Weeks - DDSN
2. Richard Wnek - DDSN
3. Mary Leitner - Rich/Lex DN Board
4. Marcie Lindsay - LAC
5. Nancy McCormick P+A
6. Elizabeth Keenan
7. KELLIAN VALDEZ
8. MARTIN TATLER - DDSN
9. Janet Priest DDSN
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- 2. J. H. Hitchman ODSN
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Attachment 4

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- 1. *Pat Fagan - DDCW*
- 2. *Jennifer Brooks - NCDONG*
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Attachment 5

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1. Michelle Shaffer YCBDSN
2. Janice Fowler YCBDSN
3. Mary Poole YCBDSN
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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**

January 17, 2013

12:00 Noon

1. Call to Order *Chairman Fred Lynn*
2. Welcome - Notice of Meeting Statement *Commissioner Christine Sharp*
3. Invocation *Commissioner Eva Ravenel*
4. Introduction of Guests
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Approval of the Minutes of the December 20, 2012 Meeting
7. Public Input
8. Report from DSN Boards *Ms. Elizabeth Krauss*
9. Commissioners' Update *Commissioners*
10. New Business:
 - A. Head and Spinal Cord Injury Waiver Renewal *Dr. Kathi Lacy*
 - B. Midyear Financial Update *Mr. Tom Waring*
11. State Director's Report *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
12. Executive Session
13. Enter into Public Session
14. Next Regular Meeting Date (February 21, 2013)
15. Adjournment

PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING. THANK YOU.

**Head and Spinal Cord Injury
Medicaid Waiver Program
Five-Year Renewal**

The Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Waiver program operated by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs is due for a five-year renewal to be effective July 1, 2013. A request must be made to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) prior to April 1, 2013. The State Medicaid Agency, which is the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, must submit the request and receive approval of it from CMS.

A summary of proposed changes to the existing HASCI Waiver program is attached. The summary may also be viewed on the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) website at www.scdhhs.gov.

Written comments may be submitted, but must be received **no later than February 14, 2013**. They must be submitted to the SCDHHS website at comments@scdhhs.gov or sent by mail to the following address:

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Community Options c/o Anita Atwood
1801 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

As part of the renewal process, there will be a **Public Meeting** to discuss the HASCI Waiver program, required and proposed changes, and to receive public comment. The Public Meeting will be held:

Thursday, January 31, 2013
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Conference Room 251 (enter through the first floor lobby)
3440 Harden Street Extension Columbia, South Carolina 29203

Participation is also available via videoconference at the following sites:

SCDDSN Coastal Center
District II/HRM Office Bldg.
Training Room 2
9995 Jamison Road
Summerville, SC 29485
Contact: Sonia Gadsden (843) 821-5806

SCDDSN Whitten Center
Whitten Center Chapel Conference Room
28373 Hwy. 76 East
Clinton, SC 29325
Contact: Sonja Renwick (864) 983-3510

SCDDSN Pee Dee Center
Administration Bldg. Conference Room
714 North Cemetery Road
Florence, SC 29506
Contact: Phyllis Clark (843) 664-2618

The proposal for 5-year renewal of the Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Waiver includes the following substantive and technical changes:

Substantive Changes

Addition of the following new HASCI Waiver service:

- **Incontinence Supplies**
To include diapers, briefs, incontinence pads, under pads, and wipes. Through a combination of Medicaid State Plan and HASCI Waiver services, participants can receive the same quantity of supplies as previously.

Removal of the following HASCI Waiver services:

- **Health Education for Consumer-Directed Care**
HASCI Waiver population has not requested this service.
- **Peer Guidance for Consumer-Directed Care**
HASCI Waiver population has not requested this service.
- **Supported Employment**
HASCI Waiver population has not requested this service. It can be accessed through the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

Revisions to Quality Assurance sections:

- **Additional quality assurance performance measures**
This is in response to requirements and recommendations of CMS.

Technical Changes

Minor revisions for clarification of the following HASCI Waiver services, which are essentially unchanged:

- **Attendant Care/Personal Assistance**
- **Career Preparation** *(currently Prevocational Services)*
- **Day Activity** *(currently Day Habilitation)*
- **Environmental Modifications**
- **Medicaid Waiver Nursing**
- **Personal Emergency Response System**
- **Private Vehicle Modifications**
- **Psychological Services**
- **Respite Care**
- **Supplies, Equipment and Assistive Technology**

Other current HASCI Waiver services remain unchanged, including Behavioral Support Services, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Prescribed Drugs, Residential Habilitation, and Speech, Hearing and Language Services.