

# **SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS**

## **MINUTES**

May 16, 2013

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs met on Thursday, May 16, 2013, at 11:00 A.M. at the Greenwood Genetic Center, 106 Gregor Mendel Circle, Education Building, Greenwood, South Carolina 29646. The following were in attendance:

### COMMISSION

#### Present:

Fred Lynn, Chairman

Deborah McPherson, Vice Chairman – Via Teleconference

Christine Sharp, Secretary

Katherine Davis – Via Teleconference

Katherine Finley

Eva Ravenel

Harvey Shiver – Via Teleconference

### 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.

### Greenwood Genetic Center

(See Attachment 1 Sign-In Sheet)

### DDSN Central Office (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 2 Sign-In Sheet)

### Coastal Regional Center (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 3 Coastal Regional Center Sign-In Sheet)

### Pee Dee Regional Center (via videoconference)

(No one in Attendance)

### 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 Deborah McPherson gave the invocation.

### Adoption of the Agenda

The Commission adopted the May 16, 2013 Meeting Agenda by unanimous consent omitting the Executive Session. (Attachment A)

### Approval of the Minutes of the April 11, 2013 Meetings

The Commission approved the minutes of the April 11, 2013 Commission Meeting by unanimous consent.

### Public Input

There was no participation in the Public Input.

### Commissioners' Update

Commissioners Katherine Finley, Christine Sharp and Harvey Shiver spoke of events and meetings that they attended and shared news of upcoming events in their district.

### Nominating Committee

Chairman Fred Lynn named Commissioners Eva Ravenel and Katherine Davis to serve on Nominating Committee for election of new Commission officers. Commissioner Ravenel will serve as Chairman. The election will be at the June 20, 2013 Commission Meeting.

### Budget Update

Dr. Buscemi reported that the Senate is presently in budget deliberations. DDSN's budget has not changed since the last update. DDSN came out of Senate Finance just shy of \$5 million in new recurring funds. A budget update will be sent out once the budget is finalized.

### TCM Update

Mr. Tom Waring gave a recap of the TCM issue and gave an update on TCM activity explaining in detail the provided handout. April had more activity logged than the last report and activity logged over the last four months is up by 20 percent from the July – December time period. The activity was collected in four categories. With the increase productivity, DDSN will cover about 50 percent of the current cost of the service. Definition of what is face-to-face contact changed effective April 1, 2013 to only allow the higher billing rate for visits in the person's primary residence which will affect the amount of revenue to be received in the future months. Productivity needs to increase to close the revenue gap. Mr. Waring stated that training continues, however, we may need to revisit the caseload average closer to the January 2014 implementation date if productivity does not improve. Discussion followed. Dr. Kathi Lacy stated that DDSN should have something shortly from DHHS regarding the new waiver service. We could broaden activity, depending on the definition of the new waiver service. Mr. Waring added that service coordination growth could be 15 to 20 percent higher. (Attachment B)

### Quarterly Financial Update

Mr. Tom Waring explained in detail the provided handout regarding the quarterly financial update. Mr. Waring reported that DDSN is on target to meet the financial goals that were included in the 2013 spending plan, the agency is in a solid financial position with a small projected surplus at year end, and is using its limited resources to provide the maximum services for those in need of our services. The projected surplus for the year end is over \$2 million. Most of this carry forward of funds to 2014 is related to the PDD program. Several initiatives are in place to utilize these funds by serving more children in need of these services. The TCM financial impact is still a concern. There are agreements by DHHS to lessen the financial gap that TCM could have on our delivery system; however, there is a lot of detailed work to be completed to see if the impact is minimum to our system. Discussion followed. At the request of Commissioner Eva Ravenel, the Waiting Lists report will be placed on the Commission Meeting agenda to be addressed at every meeting.

### Greenwood Presentation

Dr. Steve Skinner provided an informative presentation which included the focus and the initiatives of the Greenwood Genetic Center. (Attachment C)

### Dual Eligible

Dr. Kathi Lacy stated that DDSN is part of a group working on the design and implementation of the dual eligible demonstration being conducted by DHHS. DHHS is still deciding whether or not individuals with intellectual disabilities will be included in the first phases of the demonstration. Four states already have a Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA) and DHHS is working with CMS on a MOA for South Carolina.

### State Director's Report

Dr. Buscemi reported on the following topics:

Governor's Regulatory Review Task Force – DDSN provided a response to the Governor's Regulatory Review Task Force Chairman Mark Lutz. The task force is reviewing all regulations in our state to determine benefits versus costs. All cabinet agencies were required to respond. Dr. Buscemi stated she received a call from a staff member of the Governor's Office requesting DDSN participate. DDSN has very few regulations. Most are overarching central government functions. DDSN may submit some regulation changes to update language or obsolete information. Dr. Buscemi stated she will discuss further with the Advisory Group and the Ad Hoc Committee of the providers.

Public Consulting Group – DDSN has contracted with Public Consulting Group (PCG), a nationally recognized expert in the healthcare field including intellectual disabilities/related disabilities. PCG will evaluate DDSN's systems to include cost reports, quality assurance processes and various components. Back in 2008, LAC recommended DDSN have some external review of our systems. DDSN contracted with Kerr and Company for a limited scope audit, implementing many of the recommendations. Burkett, Burkett and Burkett conducted an audit of DDSN's financial activities as well. Four years have passed and it is time to evaluate our systems again. DDSN wants a national perspective this time with an entity with no conflicts in South Carolina. PCG will be conducting the audit review and completing a report by this fall. Time is of the essence with the pending DHHS audit.

SC Budget and Control Board (SCBCB) Audit – The SCBCB audit of DDSN's procurement and certifications are complete. The certifications are reviewed every three years. The audit confirmed that the DDSN Procurement Office has internal controls and expertise to ensure compliance with applicable requirements for certifications. The department requested an increase in its construction contract award authority which was granted.

Family Support/Respite Funds – The timeline to use family support/respite funds for summer services has been extended again this year. This action was originally approved by the Commission in 2011. This will allow providers who still have money in family support/respite to use to fund summer services such as camps.

Mark Knuckles Associates – A two-day statewide training conference will be given by Mark Knuckles Associates July 24 and 25, 2013 to provide information on the Affordable Care Act as it relates to the DDSN providers and healthcare initiatives. The conference is being funded by the SC Disabilities and Special Needs Foundation with a small fee being charged to the providers. This conference is being held in response to multiple requests by providers to obtain more information.

NASDDDS Mid-Year Conference – Dr. Buscemi attended the conference that was held May 7-10, 2013. The following topics were discussed at the conference: Managed care is a national topic and movement; international speakers contrasted DD services in the United States versus other countries; continued movement of community integration; in Oregon DOJ has initiated legal action concerning large day program settings as being inappropriate due to not being community integrated or focused on employment. Dr. Buscemi added that DDSN needs to shift more to an employment-based model. She and staff will be addressing this topic to the Commission in more detail. Dr. Buscemi said the Governor specifically mentioned employment to her during the Disability Awareness Day event at the Statehouse. DDSN is applying for an employment learning community grant that focuses on systems of change to lead to improved employment outcomes. Dr. Buscemi also reported that she was elected as a board member for NASDDDS.

Associate State Director of Policy – DDSN has hired Ms. Susan Beck as the Associate State Director of Policy position. Ms. Beck comes from the SC Department of Education and has experience in the education system working with the intellectual disabilities and autism population. Her official date is June 3, 2013 and the Commission will meet her at the June 20, 2013 Commission Meeting. Dr. Kathi Lacy will continue to work with DDSN part-time focusing on Medicaid related issues.

June 20, 2013 Commission Meeting – Dr. Buscemi stated a Work Session will be held the morning of the June Commission Meeting and asked the Commissioners to plan on being at DDSN all day. The State Office of Human Resources staff will conduct the required training of agency head evaluations and planning stages and Mr. Ed Thomas will conduct governance training. Dr. Buscemi asked the Commission Members to provide her with any additional topics they would like to discuss.

State Match – Dr. Buscemi reported that last week in a state agency meeting, DHHS stated that the Governor is requiring all cabinet agencies to transfer their state match to leverage Medicaid to DHHS. It was also stated in the meeting that several other non-cabinet agencies are considering doing so voluntarily. DDSN and DMH were specifically mentioned and that DHHS intends to speak with us further about this matter. DDSN has no further information nor has received anything in writing. Potentially this is huge for DDSN as 90 percent of our funds are used to leverage Medicaid. Dr. Buscemi asked the Commissioners to let her know if they hear anything from the Governor's Office.

#### Next Regular Meeting Date

Chairman Fred Lynn announced the next regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 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. TR FRGM SEDDON DIST OFFICE
- 2. Phil Clarkson BIASC
- 3. Dot McDonald parent - Whittow Center
- 4. Jimmy Burton ~~SC~~ SCASP
- 5. Kathleen Robert SCPROD - WHITTEN CENTER PARENTS COUNCIL
- 6. Roy Roberts " " " " "
- 7. Jean E. Shirley " " " " "
- 8. Amara Ransom LAC
- 9. Marcia Lindsay LAC
- 10. Courtney Phillips LAC
- 11. Lori Bassett GCC
- 12. Mike Friez GCC
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Guest Registration Sheet

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1. RICHARD WNEK DDSU
2. LISA WEEKS DDSV
3. Valarie Rising DD Council
4. Stephanie William CCPSNB
5. LINDA VERDHEER DDSN.
6. Aike Mess C/hom DZMB
7. Sherry Larson Family Connection
8. David Rotholz CDR/USC.
9. Angela Jacildone SE Spinal Cord Injury Assn
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Attachment 3

**Guest Registration Sheet**

**(PLEASE PRINT)** Name and Organization

- 1. Linda Bodiford Parent - Coastal Center
- 2. Rufus Scott, III DDSN
- 3. Ronda Ritchie DDSN - Dist. II
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Attachment 4

**Guest Registration Sheet**

**(PLEASE PRINT)** Name and Organization

1. Milton Gattin Greenville County Disabilities/Special needs
2. John King DDSN
3. Jennifer Brock NCA/NB
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**Guest Registration Sheet**

**(PLEASE PRINT)** Name and Organization

1. Michelle Shaffer YCBDSN

2. Jadice Fowler YCBDSN

3. Mary Poole YCBDSN

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**A G E N D A**

**Greenwood Genetic Center  
106 Gregor Mendel Circle  
Education Building  
Greenwood, South Carolina 29646**

**May 16, 2013**

**11:00 A.M.**

1. Call to Order *Chairman Fred Lynn*
2. Welcome - Notice of Meeting Statement *Commissioner Christine Sharp*
3. Invocation *Commissioner Deborah McPherson*
4. Introduction of Guests
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Approval of the Minutes of the April 11, 2013 Meeting
7. Public Input
8. Report from DSN Boards *Mr. Jimmy Burton*
9. Commissioners' Update *Commissioners*
10. Nominating Committee *Chairman Fred Lynn*
11. Business:
  - A. Budget Update *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
  - B. TCM Update *Mr. Tom Waring*
  - C. Quarterly Financial Update *Mr. Tom Waring*
  - D. Greenwood Presentation *Dr. Steve Skinner*
  - E. Dual Eligible *Dr. Kathi Lacy*
12. State Director's Report *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
13. Executive Session
14. Next Regular Meeting Date (June 20, 2013)
15. Adjournment

**PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING. THANK YOU.**

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS  
TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT - APRIL 2013**

**Active Service Coordination - Level 1**

Total Minutes Logged	667,025	
Minutes Reportable - Medicaid Eligible - Not at Home	433,605	65.01%
Minutes Reportable - Medicaid Eligible - At Home	144,123	21.61%
Minutes - Non Reportable - Medicaid Eligible	52,952	7.94%
Minutes - Non Medicaid Eligible	36,345	5.45%
	<u>667,025</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

**Billable Minutes Based on Proposed Partial Units**

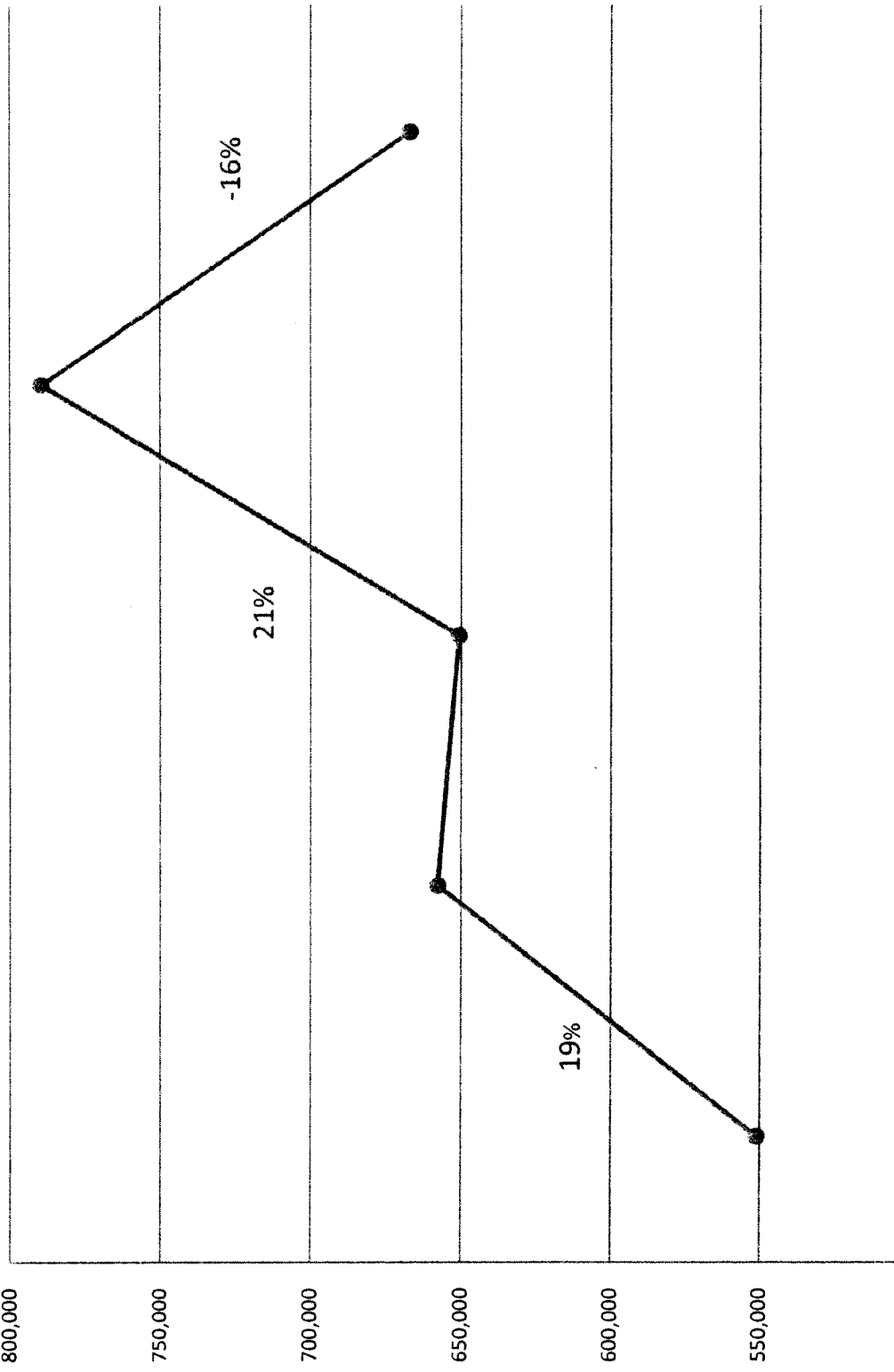
Estimated Billable Minutes - Not at Home	<u>433,605</u>	100.00%
Minutes Reportable - Medicaid Eligible - Not at Home	433,605	
Estimated Billable Minutes - At Home	<u>144,123</u>	100.00%
Minutes Reportable - Medicaid Eligible - At Home	144,123	

**Projected Revenue - April 2013**

Estimated Billable Units - Not at Home	29,672
Rate	<u>\$ 15</u>
Revenue	<u>\$ 445,080</u>
Estimated Billable Units - At Home	9,786
Rate	<u>\$ 20</u>
Revenue	<u>\$ 195,720</u>
<b>Total Projected April 2013 Revenue per New Payment Structure</b>	<b>\$ 640,800</b>
<b>Actual DDSN Payment to Service Providers for April 2013</b>	<b>\$ 1,285,047</b>
<b>Percentage of April 2013 Projected Revenue to Payments to Service Providers for April Services</b>	<b>49.87%</b>

Data as of May 13, 2013

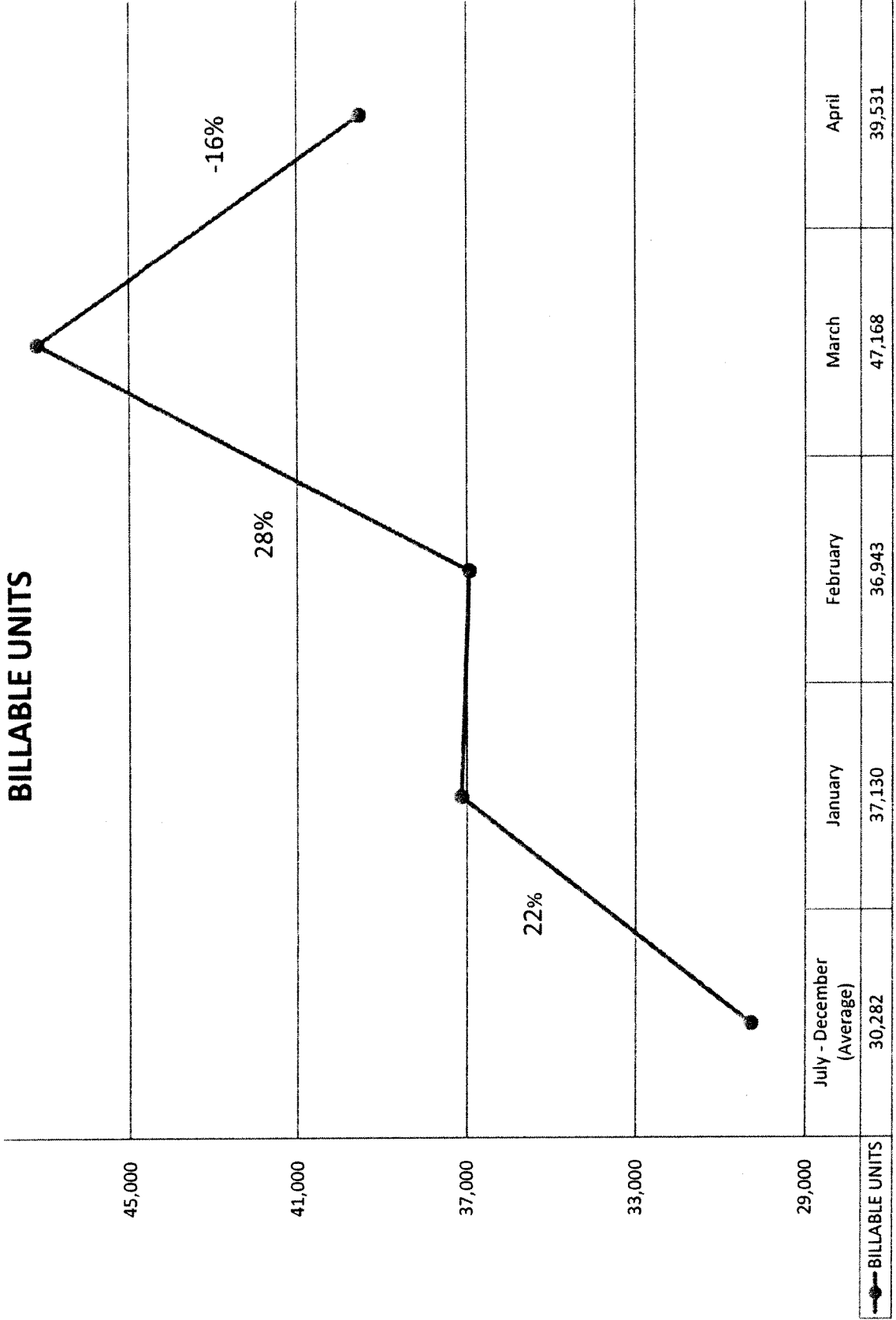
# MINUTES LOGGED



Month	Minutes Logged
July - December (Average)	551,106
January	657,812
February	650,812
March	789,680
April	667,025

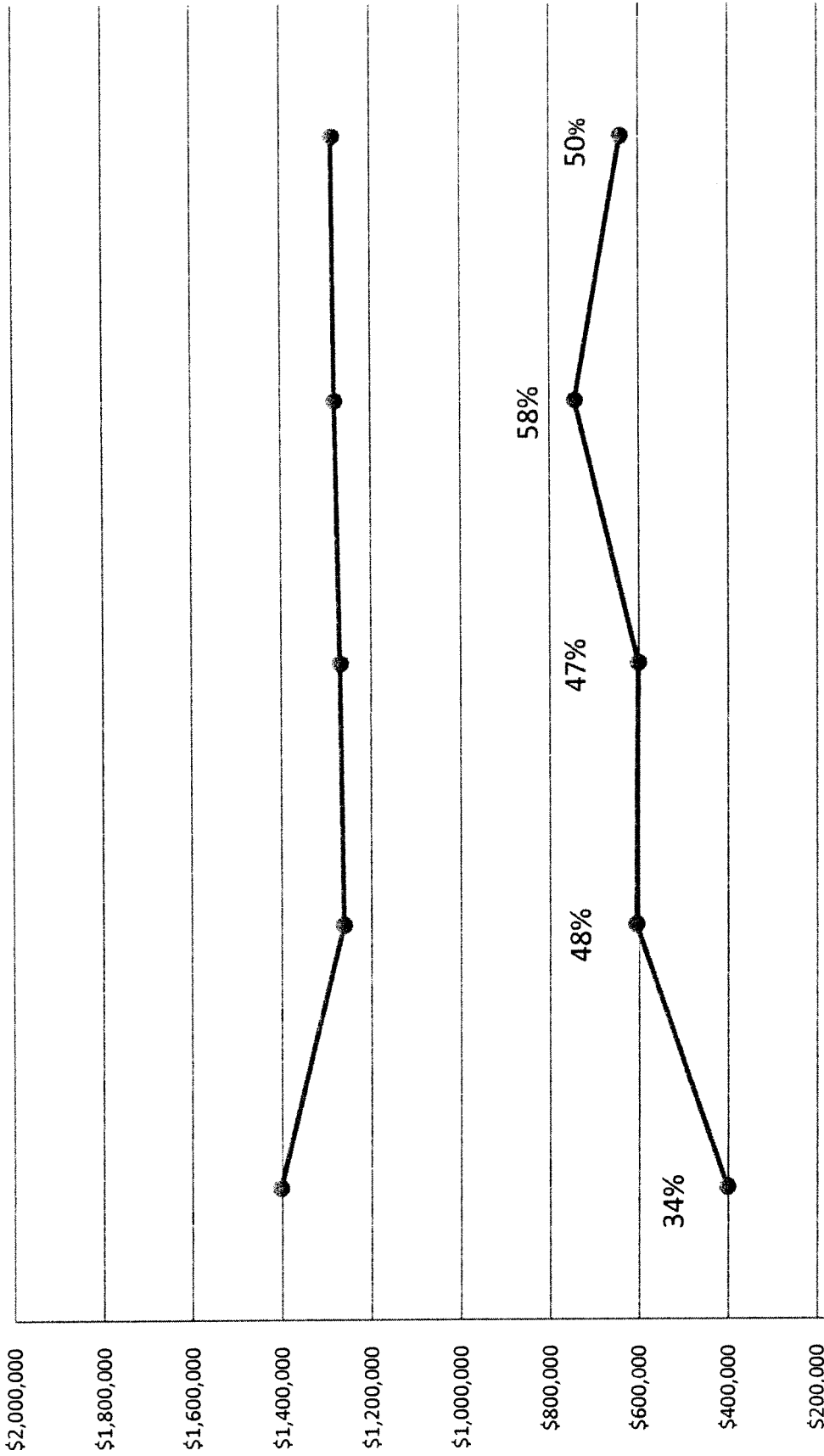
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# BILLABLE UNITS



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# PAYMENT TO PROVIDERS VS. REVENUE GENERATED




	July - December (Average)	January	February	March	April
Revenue	\$402,260	\$606,350	\$601,355	\$743,100	\$640,800
Payments	\$1,402,844	\$1,261,421	\$1,269,038	\$1,279,751	\$1,285,047



**GGC Update for DDSN**


DDSN Commission Meeting  
May 16, 2013



www.ggc.org

**The Focus of the Greenwood Genetic Center**

- Human Disabilities:
  - Intellectual Disabilities
  - Birth Defects
  - Autism




**Greenwood Genetic Center**

Founded in 1974 by the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) and the Self Foundation as a not-for-profit genetic institute.


**Mission:**

- provide clinical genetic services and diagnostic testing
- develop educational programs and materials
- conduct research in the field of medical genetics



**Major DDSN/GGC Initiatives**

- A state-wide system of genetic services
- NTD Prevention Program
- Metabolic Treatment Program
  
- Autism Proviso for Research



## Autism

- Diagnosed in 1 in 88 children
- Males > females 4 to 1
- 50-70% with intellectual disability
- 75% with life-long disability
- 15-20% with genetic diagnosis



## Autism Proviso Update

- 42 patients enrolled
  - 12 from SC Autism Project (SCAP)
  - 30 new autism patients
- 41 SCAP samples with exome sequencing



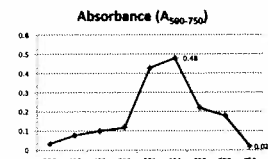
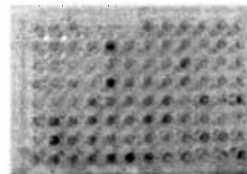
## Autism Proviso Research Aims

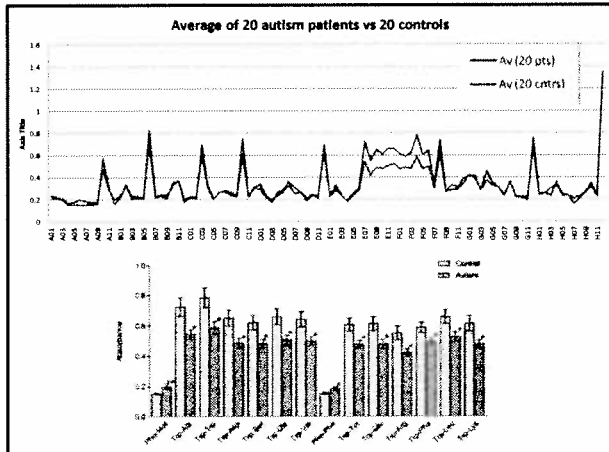
- Whole exome sequencing
  - 50 patients with whole exome sequencing
  - 50 patients with 62 gene autism panel
- X Chromosome methylation array
  - 100 autism patients
  - 50 controls
- Biochemical profile (tryptophan)
  - 100 autism patients
  - 50 controls



## BIOLOG PLATES


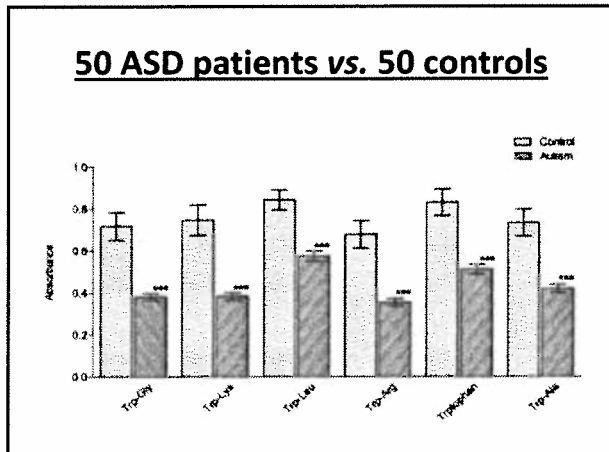
- 96 well plates
- 50  $\mu$ l/well of cell suspension (20,000 cells/well)
- Incubate 40-48 hours, add Redox Dye Mix (tetrazolium) and incubate for 24 hours
- Plate substrates:
  1. Carbon energy sources (sugars, polysaccharides, nucleotides, and carboxylic acids)
  - 2-4. Amino acids and dipeptides
  5. Ions
  - 6-8. Hormones and metabolic effectors





### Potential Significance

- Autism screening test
- Autism diagnostic test
- Insight into mechanism of autism
- Insight into treatment

### SC DDSN and GGC

- A 38 year history of collaboration
- A model for prevention efforts:
  - a model NTD prevention program
  - a model metabolic treatment program
  - a model for access to genetic services

