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**Good Morning,**

**The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs will hold a Special Called Commission meeting on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. in conference room 251 at the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Central Administrative Office, 3440 Harden Street Extension, Columbia, SC. Any member of the public attending in person must view this meeting in a separate conference room at the central office. To access the live audio stream for the 10:30 a.m. meeting, please visit [www.ddsn.sc.gov](http://www.ddsn.sc.gov).**

**Please see the attached agenda for the Special Called Commission Meeting.**

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**Thank you.**

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

**SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING**

**A G E N D A**

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

**October 7, 2021**

**10:30 A.M.**

1. Call to Order *Chairman Stephanie Rawlinson*
2. Notice of Meeting Statement *Commissioner Robin Blackwood*
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. FY23 Legislative Budget Approval *Mr. Pat Maley*
5. Adjournment

South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs  
FY 2022 – 2023 Budget Request One-Page Summary

Priority	Description of Agency Need	State Funds <u>Medicaid</u> Total
1	<p><b>Enhance ID/RD Waiver Services and Update Service Rates:</b> The SC Department of Health and Human Services' (SCDHHS) ID/RD Waiver is operated by DDSN. The ID/RD Waiver is up for renewal effective 1/1/22. As a result of the FY19 cost report, trend data, and independent rate analysis input from SCDHHS's consultant, SCDHHS calculated DDSN needs \$14 million in new state funds to enhance services and update service rates, which includes \$9.5 million related to daily Residential Habilitation rate updates. Of particular importance, the ID/RD Waiver Renewal is structured to create a pathway for DDSN to complete its payment system transition to fee-for-service (FFS) on 1/1/22. FFS would improve Medicaid matching efficiency, transparency, and delivery system productivity.</p> <p>ID/RD Waiver improvements includes updating provider service rates; creates individual "tiered" residential settings; modernizes day services; establishes an "Independent Living Skill" service; adds In-Home support service; includes remote supports as part of Assistive Technology; creates the option for Respite services to be provided to multiple participants living in the same household; and increases the Environmental Modification lifetime cap from \$7500 to \$15,000.</p> <p>The availability of COVID-19 federal funding can financed this unique waiver renewal opportunity for many years permitting time for DDSN and SCDHHS to arrange for long-term recurring funding. The FY23 increased cost of these enhanced ID/RD Waiver services and corresponding service rate increases is \$14 million state funds, which will generate an additional \$33 million in Medicaid match for a total of \$47 million in service dollars. DDSN requests a two year legislative appropriation strategy to obtain the \$14 million state funds with an annual state fund request of \$7 million in state funds in FY23 and FY24.</p> <p>DDSN currently has \$54 million of non-recurring COVID-19 dollars to cover the annual state fund cost for three years. As recurring funding is appropriated, DDSN can remit a substantial portion of these funds to the General Assembly. <b>(Recurring)</b></p>	<p>\$7,000,000 <u>\$16,500,000</u> \$23,500,000</p>
2	<p><b>New Waiver Slots to Address the Waiting List:</b> The waiver waiting lists are at an all-time high containing 14,456 individuals. Each waiver is at, or near, an all-time high in wait times: IDR (5.4 years); Community Supports (3.6 years); and HASCI (0.4 years). On 7/1/21, DDSN re-engineered its waiver waiting list to more efficiently implement new legislative appropriated waiver slots. DDSN requests \$6.36 million (\$1.9 million state funds) to fund 300 ID/RD Waiver slots (\$14,000/waiver slot) and 60 HASCI Waiver slots (\$36,000/waiver slot). <b>(Recurring)</b></p>	<p>\$1,900,000 <u>\$4,460,000</u> \$6,360,000</p>
3	<p><b>Early Intervention (EI) Utilization Increase:</b> DDSN anticipates a conservative 17% increase in FY23 utilization due to serving an increase in children receiving services (ages 3-6). DDSN has absorbed the past four FYs' increases children served in the program from its base funding, which were 18% (FY18), 30% (FY19), 8% (FY20), and 17% in FY21. <b>(Recurring)</b></p>	<p>\$618,000 <u>\$1,418,044</u> \$2,036,044</p>
4	<p><b>Appropriation Transfer from DHHS for First Filled Slots:</b> The \$841,273 state funds requested is SCDHHS's estimate of recurring state funds needed for DDSN to pay the state match for new waiver individual's medical state plan costs beginning in FY23. This is an annual recurring appropriation transfer between SCDHHS and DDSN, which has recently been integrated into the annual budget appropriation request. <b>(Recurring)</b></p>	<p>\$841,273 <u>\$0</u> \$841,273</p>
5	<p><b>Increase Access to Post-Acute Rehabilitation (PARI) for Traumatic Brain or Spinal Cord Injuries:</b> In FY21, the PARI Program costs exceeded its \$3.6 million legislative appropriation by \$466,000, which DDSN paid for from its base funding and reserves. DDSN anticipates the PARI program costs will continue to increase based on criteria of need and historical pattern of increasing costs. As a result, DDSN requests \$466,000 in state funds. <b>(Recurring)</b></p>	<p>\$466,000 <u>\$0</u> \$466,000</p>
6	<p><b>Increase and Improve Access to Community Residential Supports for Regional Center Individuals:</b> The Regional Center list of residents desiring community placement is updated quarterly and the Critical Needs Staff advocates for providers to accept placements; however, providers must voluntarily agree. Available community beds to serve community based and Regional Center individuals comes from turnover of existing fully occupied beds which averages 180 annually (16 beds/month). Given the chronic staffing shortages at Regional Centers even before COVID and the legal requirement of the Olmstead Act, DDSN requests residential expansion of four CTH II homes (16 beds) focused on de-populating centers. Because "money follows the person," DDSN is only asking for \$140,000 in non-recurring funds (\$35,000/house; \$25,000 Housing Trust Fund loan match &amp; \$10,000 sprinkler cost). <b>(Non-Recurring)</b></p>	<p>\$140,000 <u>\$0</u> \$140,000</p>
7	<p><b>South Carolina Genomic Medicine Initiative:</b> This initiative will combine clinical care, a "multi-omics" technological approach and big data/machine learning to create a powerful, and unique resource serving patients, healthcare providers, and state agencies. This is the third annual \$2 million request in a five year plan to fund this project with \$10 million from the State. <b>(Non-Recurring)</b></p>	<p>\$2,000,000 <u>\$0</u> \$2,000,000</p>
8	<p><b>Greenwood Genetic Center (GGC) Base Budget Increase:</b> In FY21, DDSN contracts with GGC were restructured to properly account for Medicaid matching funds reimbursable to GGC based on its use of its state funds received through DDSN from the General Assembly (\$4,934,000). This resulted in a decrease in funding to GGC. As a result, GGC requests a \$500,000 increase in recurring base appropriations. <b>(Recurring)</b></p>	<p>\$500,000 <u>\$0</u> \$500,000</p>
<b>Total Funds</b>		<p>\$13,465,273 <u>\$22,378,044</u> \$35,843,317</p>