

Region III and IV Partnership Meeting Minutes

WESTGATE CONFERENCE ROOM D-119

Date: December 15, 2009 Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Location: Region III H&W (Caldwell) Moderator: Jada Yancey

Information: Updates and Reports from Providers, Medicaid, and ICDE

Discussion: See Information and Discussion Minutes

Task Assignments: See Task Assignment(s).

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Agenda Item	Information and Discussion	Decision(s)	Task Assignment(s)	Due
Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Stephanie Marquardt was introduced. She is the new PA person in Region IV. ◆ Precision Services, LLC is a new Region III and IV provider for DD Nursing, Behavior Consultation/Crisis Management, DDA, and ResHab services. You may contact Christie Stephenson for more information. Her number is: 375-3888 or email: stephenson.mchristine@gmail.com. ◆ Progressive Behavior Systems is also now approved to provide ResHab services. ◆ Jada handed out representative payee information from Social Security. Jeanne Tyler from Social Security was scheduled to attend the meeting but was called out of town. If you have questions about social security or representative payee Jeanne is willing to field them. She is only able to speak with representative payees about the service and not participants. Her number is 321-2918. ◆ The recommendation was made by the Department to include transportation providers as much as possible in the PCP Meeting. Recently the Department has had complaints from transportation providers that information related to their services either doesn't make it on the plan or is sometimes incorrect resulting in billing problems for them. Transportation services will not be backdated so it is vital that the correct information make it on the plan the first time. 			
Person Centered Planning Specialists	<p>Judy Secrist and Tom Synder presented information about the PCP Training Specialists that are available to help participants and families. There are a number of specialists statewide. The PCP Network target audience is young adults and adults. More information on the group can be found at the following website: www.idahodhd.org/dnn/personcenteredplanning</p>			

<p>Healthy Connections Updates</p> <p><u>Important Information</u></p>	<p>Region III Healthy Connections Rep. Sara Hopwood provided information and updates. She handed out Region III and IV Primary Care Physician lists and other Healthy Connections pamphlets.</p> <p>Sarah also stressed the importance of the provider enrollment updates. Unisys will be replacing EDS as the contractor that processes provider payments. <u>It is extremely important for ALL Medicaid providers to update their information with Unisys.</u> This includes Certified Family Homes. Failure to do so may result in non-payment. Information related to provider updates can be found at: www.idahommis.dhw.idaho.gov</p>			
<p>Questions and Answers</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A question was asked about service coordinators conducting face-to-face visits at DDAs. Service coordinators are required to conduct face-to-face visits once every 90 days. If the coordinator chooses to visit the participant at the DDA, the Department recommends they call ahead and schedule a time to meet with the participant that does not interfere with developmental therapy being delivered by the agency. Jean Christensen also wanted to remind service coordinators that it is not their role to critique the therapy being delivered by the agency. 2. A question around the usage of plan development hours was addressed. If plan development hours are exhausted, plan development hours can not be augmented by utilizing service coordination hours. Plan Development involves the physical writing of the plan and addendum. The Department recommends that plan developers work to save back some plan development hours to be used as needed during the plan year and if at all possible not use all 12 hours during the writing of the annual plan. 3. Recently there have been service coordinators changing agencies. The Department just wanted to remind service coordinators that if they change agencies and submit an addendum moving their participant to the new agency, that both service coordination and plan development must be indentified on the addendum. Plan development is a required service and must be on the plan. Even if the plan development hours have been exhausted, the provider of record must be identified on the authorized plan. 4. The Department is requesting that if an agency closes or gives notice to large amounts of participants due to agency downsizing that the Department be notified. We would prefer a list of participants affected so we can ensure they find new service coordinators/plan developers and do not fall through the cracks. Plan development is a required service so if a coordinator or agency no longer provides the service to a participant, the participant must find a new one. 5. Recently the Department has discovered instances where the participant's ResHab agency has moved the participant to a new living location and not told the service coordinator. Recently there have been cases of the ResHab agency moving participants into new residences that they cannot afford. The service coordinator should be involved in assisting the participant to find a new residence. The Department feels the PCP team should be notified if possible prior to the move. Emergency situations 			

	<p>may prevent this but if the move is due to an emergency, the PCP team should be notified as soon as possible. The Department also needs to be informed of the move so our records can be updated.</p> <p>6. From the discussion of #5, housing assistance was brought up. It was determined that Jill will try to get someone from the housing authority to come speak at the next partnership meeting to explain housing options and programs available for limited income folks. There is a housing hotline available at 331-4877 in the meantime should someone need information sooner.</p> <p>7. A question was asked about participants applying for adult DD services when they are on Katie Beckett and how Social Security timeframes impact applying for services.</p> <p>The following information was gathered by Department staff: Self Reliance staff should be looking for "disability verification". It does not have to be an actual Determination from SSI, but in the case of a Katie Beckett kid....the disability will have been verified by the RMU nurse...so even if they have not yet been approved under the adult SSI criteria at age 18, the SR staff should take the verification from the RMU nurse, and these kids should qualify.</p> <p>Beginning the month the child turns 18, the parent's income and resources are no longer deemed to the child. So the child can be evaluated for AABD Medicaid looking at only their own income and resources. If the information provided by RMS shows that the child's Continuing Disability Review Date has not passed, the child continues to meet SSA disability criteria. This is true because the RMS determination is based on SSA criteria. However, it is very important for them to apply for SSI because the RMS nurse will not complete another medical review after the child's 18th birthday.</p> <p>If the child is 18 and qualifies for AABD Medicaid, they can also qualify for the DD Waiver or A&D waiver.</p> <p>Communication should be occurring to make sure the individual and their families understand if they don't follow-up between 18 and 19 with Adult Medicaid, they could lose services.</p>			
<p>3:10 p.m.</p> <p>Adjournment.</p>	<p><i>Meeting adjourned.</i></p>	<p><i>The next Partnership meeting has not been scheduled yet.</i></p>		