

Department of Developmental Services
Self-Determination Program Workgroup Conference Call

October 30, 2017
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

MEETING NOTES

Welcome

Jim Knight, Assistant Deputy Director at the Department of Developmental Services (Department), welcomed everyone to the conference call.

Mr. Knight reviewed discussion points from the last Self-Determination Workgroup meeting held on September 26, 2017. Mr. Knight also discussed the selection of a date for the workgroup to meet on the topic of person-centered planning (PCP). The earliest date to meet in person and discuss PCP will be on December 19th or 20th. The Department will send out a poll to the workgroup to vote on dates.

Waiver Application Status

Mr. Knight reviewed the status of the Self-Determination Program Waiver (SDP Waiver):

- The remaining questions need to be addressed by CMS before we can resubmit the SDP Waiver for approval.
- The Department will coordinate a call with CMS and Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to discuss outstanding technical issues regarding the SDP Waiver.
- It was requested the Department notify the workgroup when the CMS call is scheduled, as well as a summary of the call afterwards.
- The workgroup requested the Department set a target date for SDP Waiver resubmission to be as soon as possible, so we can “get back on the clock” with CMS.

Mr. Knight notified the workgroup that the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for the Developmentally Disabled (HCBS-DD) was resubmitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 29, 2017.

Regional Center Meetings/Train-the-Trainer

Mr. Knight provided a summary of the recent SDP meetings and trainings conducted by the Department in September and October. Included in the summary were comments from the evaluations received after the trainings, as well as the numbers and demographics of those who attended.

- It was recommended by the workgroup that detailed tools and templates be developed for regional centers and individuals on various topics, since the evaluations reflected many people had questions regarding the “how-to” of the SDP.

Independent Facilitator Update

Mr. Knight reviewed the discussion points from the Independent Facilitator (IF) subgroup call held on October 12, 2017. Questions remain for further discussion.

- What are the suggested tools or templates for participants/families to use when selecting an IF?
- How will a participant/family and/or Financial Management Services (FMS) Provider verify an IF has received the training information spelled out in statute?
- The workgroup agreed that the local volunteer advisory committees are crucial in getting information to the community. It was suggested the advisory committees conduct IF training.
 - Some members expressed concern of having any scripted training of an IF, as we do not want this to be a barrier for participants in choosing an IF.

The Department will schedule a call in the next couple of weeks and facilitate a discussion on the next steps to IF training.

Training Subgroup Update

Mr. Knight notified the workgroup that the Department will be reviewing draft informational modules with the Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) during their meeting on November 15, 2017. The modules include topics listed in statute that must be covered during orientation for participants of the SDP. Members of the CAC will gather in groups and review two modules per group, and complete an accompanying worksheet that prompts feedback on the language used and topic covered. The Department will share the modules with the Training Subgroup for feedback in mid-November.

Financial Management Services (FMS) Subgroup Update

The Workgroup reviewed potential rates for FMS providers. Questions that arose were:

- Will regional centers be able to give advances to FMS providers in order to cover the cost of services?
- Will statewide vendorization of a FMS provider be allowed? If yes, how will that work?
- Will exemptions or exceptions be allowed with FMS providers?

The FMS subgroup will reconvene to address the above questions.

Website Updates

Mr. Knight reviewed upcoming changes to the SDP page of the Department's website.

Next Meeting

A face-to-face meeting with the SDP Workgroup is scheduled for December 6, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Department.