

Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council
FULL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, March 14, 2018
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
1789 W. Jefferson, 4th Floor AD Conference Room

Quorum reached at 10:14 am

Members Present:

Elizabeth Archuleta (Vice Chair) via Phone
Richard Hargrove
Renaldo Fowler
Jill Ryan
Maureen Casey
Karen Van Epps

Absent:

Gina Judy
Michael Williams

Staff

Stefanie Schwartz-Jacobs
Alissa Vander Veen
Chris Deere
Alicia Wright
Nicolette Fidel

Approval of Meeting Minutes--

Add in Karen Van Epps's comments regarding lack of locations for respite and needing to find a solution to the member update.

Fix typos

Moving forward have minutes less verbatim

Other changes:

1. Site visit for DDAC find opportunities within the community, especially in the underserved areas where other activities are already occurring and attend those or have booths.
2. Page 4--Because of Article 9 there are members who are staying home, and providers are using Article 9 as a reason not to go to school. How to protect those rights and balance the statutory requirement of going to school and right to choose.
3. Correct Gina Judy, Rick Hargrove's names throughout the document

Motion--Renaldo Fowler--

Add an agenda item to the end of the meeting and review the minutes to ending the meeting.
Liz Archuleta recommend the item be continued to the next meeting.

Continue the Item--Move approval of these minutes to the next meeting after they are cleaned up and redrafted

Committee as a whole agreed to Continue the item to the next meeting.

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Policy Update--Stefanie Schwartz-Jacobs

Updates sent out since the last DDAC Meeting--

Feb 7th--Provider Policy Manual

Provider Service clarifying language, in red, we are listing out what change and the impact to the members

Feb 21st-Provider Manual Update

Emergency Prep for all ICFs not just at ATPC

Feb 28th Article 9

March 7th--Looking for comments 200H

Removing language changes and provided clarification. Open until April 7th.

Article 9--Open for Public Comments until March 28th. Ideas for revisions. We had ideas about what the Division was wanting or considering for changes. Language in red about what changes are being considered. We are seeking additional public input.

Can we work out best practices for collaborating with the schools?

We would like to have the DDAC make that recommendation to the Divisions.

Communicate, Coordinate and Collaborate between the DDD and any other one else support the member in another environment.

Line 53-61 Concerns around this section, who will pay for these Behavioral Plans and the professionals who will draft them?

Would like to get to the point where the same intervention is used in all environments, with an interdisciplinary approach.

Line 129-136--We should be working toward an integrated plan. What should the PRC be looking at should they be looking at BHP and ISPs or just BHP.

We should work with our respective organizations and groups and encourage them to provide feedback and comments regarding this issue.

Is there a way to see what the new Evidenced Based Practices are and what we are using for these changes?

We have two major Universities that have two different prospective and are Centers of Excellence, and we are using tools from Vanderbilt, and partnering with AHCCCS, especially in the area of autism and the time of crisis.

Restitution is that going to be revisited? It is going to be in the policy instead.

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This council is not ready to make a recommendation around Article 9. It would be different if we had a subcommittee to address the many recommendations from our prospective areas but as a whole right now the committee is not ready to make specific recommendations.

We as the committee need to make comments around this Article.
There is still plenty of time to make comments as a council.

Vendor Call Process--Nicolette Fidel

On the whole we have received positive feedback about the new process. We have provided tech assistance for the providers.

We can only auto assign to interested vendors, we have started utilizing these features. We are tracking who is responding and who is not responding. So far, it's been the smaller therapies and residential, a few others who are not using.

They can sort by city and batch decline and clean out the queue. It's currently only an agency queue. Can Minnie Williams schedule a time to work with Rick and how it's currently operated and how we can move forward. Nicolette Fidel will assign someone to reach out and work with him on his team and how we can improve.

This is also an opportunity for providers to see where there is growth and where we need providers.

Unassigned authorizations we have reduced them by over 50% in the last 90 days.

Cholla Pilot Project

Monthly stakeholders meeting, additional meeting April 6th. 87% of family feel the new document is helping the member meet their goals.

We are working with the OCI on the roll out to other districts in concert with AMS.

Thank you, Alicia, for your hard work on this and including Karen on the committee and the hard work they are doing at Cholla. We are looking now at the order of the plan and how we tell the story, and now we are working with graphics to draft the Spanish form. This will be the next step in the pilot.

What other data is available around this? We are seeing that families are utilizing and receiving more appropriate services i.e. Habilitation and Attendant Care and better services. The number of objectives has changed they no longer have 12 for the year, a member can have 3 to 4 in a quarter and move onto something else during the next 90 days.

CSTF--

Applications are in and the deadline has passed for the Client Service Trust Fund. Binders will be ready to review in the next two weeks and then two hours to meet, review and make decisions. I need three people to form a subcommittee to review the applications.

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Member Reports

Renaldo Fowler--Flyers on Training Workshops on Bullying, Special Education, Voting Rights in Kingman
2nd Flyer for Tucson for Voter Rights
Voting-full access for voting rights and ensuring people with disabilities have accessibility to vote.
Section of report around what Arizona needs around accessibility at the polls.

Karen Van Epps--

Leah Gibbs came to HRC meeting and she is no longer with residential services. HRC to visit the ICFs, Karen will report back how those visits go. This is a new process for the HRCs so there will be some adjustments. ATPC Group Homes are closing many will be relocating and some will be moving into the ICFs. HCBS rules prohibit the use of HCBS fund on a campus with ICF. We have explored all options around this to find a solution. We are in person centered planning with U of A. One option is that they can move into the ICF and we will remodel some of the building and allow them to relocate. Some want to stay in the group homes we are working with each of the families on developing a plan.

HRC would like to have value and we want to know that we are not going anywhere.
We recognize and support and the value of the HRC and believe it has an important role and function and we will communicate that to staff to ensure you can function and you can do your job.

Have Laurie Lockyer send the DDAC the Bed Bug Policy

Jill--

Rick--

Provider agencies are working on the one-time money is included into the rates to the Governor's office. Waiting to see how Cholla and the Vendor Call Process for the Residential Setting that will work for them as the changes will impact business.

Stefanie will work with Rick and Alicia around his concerns for training and his systems with the new ISP.

Motion to adjourn--Rick
Second-Renaldo

Meeting Adjourned--1:09 pm