

### **Introductions:**

Brandi Monts, Linda West, Bob Beckman, Resa Hayes, Darci Ladwig, Paul Davis, Tracie Hoppis, Lance Morehouse, Michelle Sturdevant, Lisa Robbe, Lori Bare, Debbie Chapman, Stacy Dym, Leila Graves, Nicole Jensen, Sandi Gruberg, Ann Vasilev, Michelle Williams, Linda Hyatt, Madison Guscot, Jamie Coonts, Whitney Stohr, Katrina Davis, Dennis Trudeau, John Lemus, Michelle Hinkle

### **Steering Committee Updates:**

Brandi shared that DDC staff is working with the webpage designer so that the HCBS page easier to find. Site buttons will be added to the top of the page to improve page maneuverability.

DDA is working to create a video that compares the differences between the CFC and HCBW waivers. DDA want to review the reports in the Committee and to use this committee as a think tank to process them.

It would be helpful for DDA to review what is requested that is not in report form. They make formal and informal requests to the federal government for any changes that are needed.

DDA is wanting to know what ways other than email, is best for people.

### **372 Report**

Ann and Bob reported that this report it is about service use and how people are using the services. There is a required annual report that summarizes the utilization of waiver and state plan services which covers a multitude of data including: number of unduplicated participants, number of days of waiver enrollment, average length of stay, total waiver expenditures, etc.

372 has three parts, the first is the CARE system, the second is the MMIS (provider one) and the third is the Waiver applications (Five year contract between centers for Medicare and Medicaid. There are five different waiver types)

The available data is about eighteen months behind what is currently happening. The most recent data is for the 2020-2021 year for service use. No service has been expanded.

Ann and the waiver team have been working on a one pager for each meeting. Ann shared a view that reflected the number of specified waiver service is by use and how it changed over time. Also specialize equipment supplies and equipment use. Combining services can expand the availability for people.

DDA will bring back how the Core waiver is used by participants and shared with the Committee.

The Waiver team has a bit more infrastructure now than before. There will be a position posted soon in the Waiver team so be on the lookout for that!

The 372 report for Waiver services is not user friendly but does contain data for each waiver type. The proposed access rule will help with the lack of access for waivers.

CMS will improve the rate structure, boost access for people needing access to waivers, establish standardized reporting requirements, require minimum performance expectations and more. This proposed access rule will give the public an easier way to access the info and changes that are occurring.

### **Small Group Reports**

**Traci** shared her group talked about DDA having workforce issues and is now hiring. There was discussion on how this will impact families. They felt that families experiencing changes in new case managers. Also that individuals receiving services may not be receiving because of where they live.

**Stacy** shared that her group expressed concern regarding vendors and providers not getting adequate training. They also discussed:

- No services for those who need a lot of support;
- HCBS access denied for those with high needs;
- A need to include more day programs;
- Use differential rates;
- Retraining is key;
- Demographic trends/livable wages;
- Children/adults have different needs; and
- Dental access

**Michelle** shared that her group talked about:

- Transportation/availability in rural communities;
- The struggle in rural communities;
- Services not specific to individuals;
- Unrealistic expectations at the community level;
- Barriers to requirements;
- Parents not able to self-direct funds; and

Get higher provider rates

**Next agenda**

Parent feasibility study;

What is happening regarding those studies;

DDA reports invite Louisa, she has high level knowledge of many reports;

Circle back to small group common items; and

Show small group notes