

HCBS Quarterly Meeting Notes

12/13/23

- Introductions-Name, highlight of 2023
- Steering Committee updates
 - Worked on “About” system
 - Easier to read/understand
 - Added links
 - Notes and past meetings available to look at
 - Created framework for HCBS meetings
 - Introductions were made
- Continue to better develop website
- Want more self-advocates on these meetings-next meeting, focus on who is part of the meetings in next Steering Committee
- Not every self-advocate has the ability to speak, and we should represent those who can’t
- The next steering committee needs to focus on attendance (who is attending/participating) in the meetings
- Brandi asked for people who are interested in participating in the next steering committee to let her know.
- Partnering w/ ALTSA is a good idea to each to hear what the other is doing.
- Make sure people who attend the meetings have a basic understanding of what is happening- who is a stakeholder, who is a person that has a stake in the meetings. If anyone wants to participate in the meetings as a self-advocate, email Brandi Monts
- Should there be a separate Community First Choice group? Talk with ALTSA so they know what the needs of our clients are
- Kris Pederson and Jaime Bond from DDA had conversation with Medicare and Medicaid services about getting technical assistance.
 - Need to have more flexible systems and suggested they watch the Unseen Documentary.
 - Didn’t get very many answers from them so they will meet with them again.
- It is a massive cost having son placed out of home versus having him at home-so bridge the gap
- DDA did not talk to CMS about behavior supports, but it is time to sit with them and talk about the inability to access behavior supports

- Terra Jacobson is working on workforce development at DDA in that new role.
- Huge parent time and energy requirement: application process 19 pages long, have to have referrals, doctor visit and a neurologist visit all within 30 days.
 - The above process is invisible to the people who aren't doing it
- Allocate funds and allow clients and caregivers to access funds for the services they know works for them
- Waiver runs out half way through the year and it becomes an issue for services
- Children Independency- try to make them waiver eligible. Not changing rules but adding categories
- Intake and Eligibility to send out GovDelivery for HB2008-be involved in listening sessions
- Collected data on children DDA serves, both internal and external stakeholders. Asked for info on children with medical needs
 - All children need services due to their needs, so we should have this be for all children, not just medical needs. Some states have this option in the 1915C waiver which started during the pandemic, so some states are stopping those services now
- In Feb/Apr we will have conversations for expanding Medicaid: Legislative Review Community Collaborators Committee (LRCC) meetings
 - March will be looking at DDA assessments
 - 30 people representing- who is missing from conversation? - First question in meeting on January 10th
- May- will have session and reach out to people that aren't always heard and ask if there is anything we have missed
 - Give us time to consult with national organization and write document to give to the legislature by December 1st
 - CMS site visit happened recently, report delayed as it is still getting vetted.
 - CMS site visit was a good experience overall
 - CMS looked into CARE system and incident report system
 - CMS asked very little about incident management
 - Notebook meetings happening every year in December. Still waiting for data shared in Notebook meeting- will be posted soon

- Current residential turnover to be in the 50-60 range
 - How to professionalize these jobs for sustainability of Case Managers and workers
 - Hiring qualified people seems to be a pain point
- CDWA not doing their job- on the phone for over an hour on hold as well as the CM
- Pilot for complex needs- Incentivizing training for professionalism
 - Pilot is for 30 people and still trying to get the first client up and running
- Pay providers what they are actually worth-up the pay, they are underpaid
- There is a meeting with stakeholders and Congresswoman Schrier scheduled soon
- DDA able to send out mass mailing
 - 436 valid applications
 - 9 people helping with reviews
 - Hoping to get numbers down by Friday

Building agenda for next meeting:

- CDWA Data
- Complex Needs Pilot [https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/1332/all-info#:~:text=This%20bill%20requires%20the%20Office,or%20developmental%20disability\)%20for%20data](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/1332/all-info#:~:text=This%20bill%20requires%20the%20Office,or%20developmental%20disability)%20for%20data)
- LRCC
- Legislative session review
- Behavioral Support Needs
- Steering Committee update

Follow up for next meeting:

- DDC provide Notebook meeting data
- DDA provide updated org chart
- DDA provide CMS Visit Report once released
- DDC to gather next Steering Committee