

## **031324 HCBS Meeting Notes**

### **Introductions:**

Resa Hayes, Brandi Monts, Sandi Gruberg, Darci Ladwig, Michelle Williams, Michelle Sturdevant, Valerie Kindschy, Jaime Bond, Lisa Robbe, Lori Gianetto, Bob Beckman, Ryan Hilton, Cathy Murahashi, Melissa Randles, Lance Morehouse, Debbie Chapman, Teresa Boden, Aaron Dickson, Hilary Spears, Linda Hyatt, Amanda Sherry, Katrina Davis, Suzanne Taylor, Anna McEnery, Courtney Criss, Louisa Prada Estrada, Lonnie Keese, Whitney Stohr, Paul Davis, Amal Grabinski, Paula Costa, AnnMarie DeGroot, Linda West

### **Follow Up From Last Meeting:**

#### **DDA, Amanda Sherry: Annual Quality Assurance Report**

Is in rough draft form and in plain talk; Expended form on trends; One pager will be coming out. The format is great; Dr. visits are down due to Covid; Runs on state fiscal year. The final report will be finalized by the next meeting and done in fall. DDA is working on ways to track why someone isn't receiving what they are asking for. Please send feedback to [amanda.sherry@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:amanda.sherry@dshs.wa.gov).

#### **DDA, Lori Gianetto Bare: CMS Visit Report**

Visit focused on facility and abuse and neglect; Reviewed core and Community protection waivers; Talked about challenges; Lack of knowledge on how to report an incident; Talked about backlog and undefined protocol for suspicious deaths. There are concerns about people in hospitals for extended time and the Ombuds' regarding Community Protection Program. There are groups meeting to address recommendations, working w/ stakeholders to come to resolution.

#### **DDC, Brandi Monts: Steering Committee updates**

New members are: Sandi Gruberg, Resa Hayes, John Lemus, Lisa Robbe, Bob Beckman, Aaron Dickson, Lonnie. Our first meeting will be in April and we plan to work until July.

## **DDA Program Updates:**

### **DDA, Bob Beckman: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS):**

formal and informal requests that are in process are CMS five waiver applications on Dec. 5, 2023 included dependency (court action) (DCYF); They are in the question and answer phase w/ CMS. All informal requests in round two, they hope to have approval by the end of the month. Interruption in service is a state process to make as user friendly as possible, hoping to learn how services can wrap around and also ensure safety. Those hard to discharge from ER due to needs not being met, hard to access DDA services are a concern.

### **DDA, Melissa Randles: Community Choice First (CFC) planned actions and requirements**

Have received funding for non-citizen status. There has been a wait list for years, taking time to figure out, not a pilot and currently have thirty three slots.

### **DDA, Bob Beckman: Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) planned actions and requirements**

Specific planned action HB 1188 asked children, youth and dependency be added to waivers. They are drafting policy/WAC changes and trainings. SB5187 study to explore restructure all waiver services to enhance services to meet future demand. There is a project team w/ consultants to write the report. This will also be brought to the Legislative Report Collaborators group for discussion and there are five work flow areas being looked at: Waiver service package, Waiver service access, Waiver crisis services, Participant directed/budget-based options and System changes.

## **Important Topics & Issues/Community Conversations:**

### **DDA Teresa Boden and Ryan Hilton: PCSP Survey**

This is sent to all waiver participants and considered the “how are we doing survey.” Looking to update/review the survey itself, been awhile since data has been reviewed. Talking to self-advocate committee on 3/14 to gather feedback. Have questions more in depth, with follow-up added to each; Not tailored to families with small children, more family centered planning, questions like “how did you as a family member include them?”

Would be great to offer electronically, seems like an employee checklist, needs to ask if the individual actually got what they asked for, too much like what the case manager should be doing and less focused on the person.

### **DDA, Luisa Prada Estrada: Legislative Session Updates**

This was an intense session. Bill analysis was done every time a bill has IDD impact and in this session 93 analysis's were completed. There were 190 hearings, legislative training for 140 people before session began. There was legislator pre-session meetings; 18 bills tracked that passed and are now being checked for implementation. Two are huge wins 1541 Nothing About Us Without Us and HB 2184. The budget has not been signed yet, 14 legislative reports so far for this session, three more are coming.

### **DDA, Michelle Sturdevant: Legislative Review Community Collaborators (LRCC) Updates**

DDA pulled together multiple communities for this group. DDA is being asked to give the legislature more and more information in the form of reports. What the group wants to do is create the reports in ways that reflects what the community and what they can work with. This group was created to look at several current reports. They brought together a balanced group to get a unified voice. The hope moving forward is to be more intentional for everyone.

### **DDA, Paula Costa, Adult Family Home (AFH) pilot**

There are 100 clients in 20 adult family homes statewide for this project. The pilot began September 2023 and they have a report due to the legislature in December 2024. June 2025 is when the pilot is scheduled to end. They are paying the AFHs \$2,500 for each and the goals are worked on every month. Most small AFH's have to raise money to do this type of work with the folks who live there.

### **Report Review:**

### **DDC & Arc of WA: CAC Notebook Data**

The group did not have time to cover this agenda item so we will circle back to it in June: [2024 Legislative Session Notebook - Washington State \(arcwa.org\)](https://arcwa.org/2024-Legislative-Session-Notebook-Washington-State)

## **Community Conversations**

### **DDA, Valarie Kindschy and AnnMarie DeGroot: Complex Needs Pilot**

This project was funded in the 2024 budget. The pilot offers a specialty rate and they also provide additional training. They want them to have dual diagnosis training, trauma-informed practices, crisis prevention and intervention training w/in 90 days of hire. Client specific, board certified, person centered and valued based payment system; Priority population: currently in hospital, at risk of going into hospital, two or more extensive behaviors support on person centered plan, frequent use of emergency. All providers are identified, identifying individuals and transition dates. The goal is to move all 30 people by Dec. 1, 2024. Please send feedback to [valerie.kindschy@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:valerie.kindschy@dshs.wa.gov) and [annmarie.degroot@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:annmarie.degroot@dshs.wa.gov).

### **Planning for June Meeting: DDC**

Quality Assurance Report Final  
New Compliance Rules for CMS  
CARE System Screen  
CAC Notebook Feedback  
DDA Org Chart