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**ARPA Day Services Meeting
January 9, 2023**

Present: Keith Lavalette, Kathryn Dupree, Trever Rogers, Varian Salters, Beth Fisher, Cynthia DeLouise, Alli Smale, Sean Bannon, Robyn Hescock, Amber Carter, Robyn Hescock, Jennifer Keatley

Deloitte attendance: Amanda Harris, Julia Oak

McDowell Attendance: Maura Fitzgerald

Public Meeting Guidelines- reviewed by Keith Lavalette

Minutes: Beth Fisher moved to approve the December 5, 2022 minutes and Varian Salters seconded. The minutes were accepted.

Presentation by Deloitte Moving On Initiative- Amanda Harris and Julia Oaks

- Description of the phases of the project to assess, design, plan and implement the systems transformation
- Will review national practices and share with CT stakeholders
- Will conduct stakeholder interviews starting in January and issue surveys
- Learning sessions are being scheduled later in January
- Design phase will suggest an approach to transformation
- Create guidance and communication and then educate and support the transformation offering providers ongoing Technical Assistance
- The design phase is December 2022-March 2023, and the implementation phase is April 2023- April 2024
- Deloitte has assessed current system and existing policies
- Did a detail analyzed of five states for transformational related activities: AK, DE, ME, MI, and PA
- Initial phase is open to all providers who are interested in participating. Regions may still be reviewing provider applications. Contact will be with the Regional Contract Administrator
- Future phases include design and implementation. Implementation will include training and technical assistance
- Question asked if there will still be funding if providers decide later in the year to participate. Agencies going forward now are moving from congregated settings which is already possible within the DDS system

McDowell Communications Group Plan Presentation- Maura Fitzgerald

- Charged to help DDS with the communication for the project to explain to individuals, families, and staff
- Created and mailed a survey to 9.100 individuals served by DDS in residential settings and congregate day settings
- Committee members asked to encourage people to complete and submit the survey
- Creating short videos to showcase technology and other methods to help people live more independently. The videos should be available by early March

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- Question how to best encourage participation of individuals who are non verbal
- The survey was sent to guardians for individuals who have them
- This committee would recommend it also be sent to individuals

Update on Phase 1

- 21 providers have expressed interest in participating
- 11 of these are very interested in submitting plans and the remaining ones are researching the option

Potential Barriers moving people from congregate settings to employment

- Members reviewed the list drafted
- Add staffing crisis
- Need for funding for full days and a full week of support which includes employment, but also other day supports

Future Meeting Schedule

- Meet the first and third Mondays 4-5:30
- Amber Burke made the motion and Varian Salters seconded

Meeting Adjourned at 5:03 PM