

**Intellectual Disability Partnership Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**7/19/18**

Convened at 2:11pm.

Present: Commissioner Jordan Scheff (DDS), Barry Simon (Oak Hill), Deputy Commissioner Peter Mason (DDS), Richard Sebastian (Kennedy), Anne Foley (OPM – for Judy Dowd), Adrienne Benjamin (DDS Council), Collette Langner (parent), Katie Rock-Burns (DDS).

Absent: Barry Bosworth (parent), Lauren Traceski (self-advocate), Andrea Ferrucci (Mosaic), Andrea Barton-Reeves (Harc), Marina Derman (West RAC), Kate McEvoy (DSS).

Public: Shelly Maynes (OPM).

**1. Review of Minutes**

Adrienne Benjamin moved to accept the meeting minutes from 6/20/18. Peter Mason seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**2. Public Comment**

None

**3. Update on CCH Home Modification Funding**

Commissioner Scheff shared that Judy Dowd was looking into the possibility of requesting bond funding for CCH home modifications. OPM will continue to check into this.

**4. Review of Priority Options**

The committee reviewed the priority options that were discussed at the previous meeting.

- Employment
  - Opportunities for new grads
  - Franchising small businesses
- Crisis response
- Resources for individuals who are aging
  - Dementia/Alzheimer's supports
  - Retirement options
- Flexibility

- Combination residential/day account
- Movement between levels of care within one provider
- Assistive technology
- Clustered supported living model for non-sleep hours
- Provider issues
  - Managed fee for service system
  - Provider stability

Committee members agreed that certain issues were being addressed in other venues and could be put aside for this group’s work, for the time being. In particular, crisis response (addressed through the \$5 Emergency Placement funding at DDS) and development of resources for individuals who are aging (addressed through the SB 463 task force).

Commissioner Scheff asked Rick Sebastian to share his experience in supporting small business franchising in other states. Mr. Sebastian shared his background running a nonprofit that owned small business franchises, including UPS stores. He noted that one issue had been the notion of the nonprofit owning the business, which he was able to work through with UPS. He also shared how he developed relationships with foundations and banks to fund start-up costs (through grants or PRIs).

Mr. Sebastian also shared his knowledge of using B Corps to own the businesses, which would allow for profit. He noted that, in some of his experience out of state, providers were not required to cost settle, so funds could be reinvested for growth. Finally, Mr. Sebastian shared that he has a contact who specializes in small business franchising, who may be a great resource for providers and families on this topic. The committee agreed that this area should go on the list of priorities to move forward.

Deputy Commissioner Mason raised the priority option regarding the creation of a combination residential/day account. He noted that other states simply operate one account for all types of services, which allows for greater flexibility. Commissioner Scheff shared that we do have a blended services in our updated waiver, which is currently in the midst of the approval process. Deputy Commissioner Mason suggested that a portion of the IDP funds could be used to pilot blended services with a small group of individuals. The committee agreed that this area should go on the list of priorities to move forward.

Deputy Commissioner Mason raised the priority option regarding assistive technology and suggested that a portion of the IDP funds could be used to support training of provider staff to be Assistive Technology Evaluators. The committee discussed the possibility of providers submitting applications for “grants” for staff to complete this training. The committee agreed that this area should go on the list of priorities to move forward.

Barry Simon raised the priority option regarding support of providers, as we move toward a managed fee for service system and Medicaid direct billing. He shared concerns that the provider community is not prepared for this move and will need support in order to be successful. He suggested that a portion of the IDP funds could be used to support readiness analysis and provider education.

Anne Foley recommended that this committee reach out to the Nonprofit Cabinet to suggest Medicaid direct billing readiness as a potential conference topic. Ms. Foley also suggested that providers may be

able to apply for nonprofit grant bond funding for infrastructure development in the future. The committee agreed that this area should go on the list of priorities to move forward.

## 5. Recommendations for Priorities

The committee agreed that the four priorities determined at this meeting would be put out for review by the rest of the committee:

1. **Employment:** support of small business franchising, through education and consideration of the establishment of a revolving loan fund for startup costs.
2. **Blended Services:** establishment of a combination residential/day services account to pilot blended services for a small group of individuals.
3. **Assistive Technology:** funding of provider staff training to become Assistive Technology Evaluators.
4. **Provider Readiness:** provision of provider readiness analysis and education in the area of Medicaid direct billing.

Committee members will be asked to come to agreement on adopting these priorities before the August meeting.

Adjourned at 3:07pm.