

Intellectual Disability Partnership Advisory Committee (IDPAC)
Meeting Agenda
6/27/19

Convened at 2:06pm.

Present: Rick Sebastian (Kennedy Center), Win Evarts (parent), Barry Simon (Oak Hill), Commissioner Jordan Scheff (DDS), Katie Rock-Burns (DDS), Deputy Commissioner Peter Mason (DDS), Scott McWilliams (DDS), Shelly Maynes (OPM), Adrienne Benjamin (parent), Marina Derman (parent), Kate McEvoy (DSS), Commissioner Deidre Gifford (DSS), Deputy Commissioner Kathy Brennan (DSS).

Absent: Collette Bement (parent), Andrea Barton-Reeves (Harc), Judy Dowd (OPM), Lauren Traceski (self-advocate).

- 1. Review of Minutes – 4/25/19 meeting**
- 2. Public Comment**

None.

- 3. Update on priority areas**

Employment:

Katie Rock-Burns gave an update on the current status of applications for Employment grants and confirmed that the intent is to offer the same grant opportunity in the next fiscal year. She shared that just over \$500,000 had been granted to individuals, families, businesses, and DDS qualified providers to support integrated employment opportunities.

Blended Services

Deputy Commissioner Mason gave an update on the Blended Services pilot program, including examples of successes. The group discussed potential improvements to the program for next year, including a clarification on the language (Blended vs. Integrated Supports).

Assistive Technology

Katie Rock-Burns shared that the regions have been working with providers to fund training on use of assistive technology to support individuals. She also shared that DDS would be awarding funds to provider applicants regarding the creation of “Smart Home” demonstration sites.

Deputy Commissioner Mason shared that Remote Supports were being proposed as an amendment to DDS waivers, as an additional Medicaid-funded support option for individuals. The group discussed the logistics of a remote supports program, including how local and potentially national companies can work together to provide remote supports with local backup services.

Provider Readiness

Katie Rock-Burns shared that there had been no further discussion on whether to bring back the MTM consultant, as there are currently no updates on a timeline for movement toward provider direct billing. Kate McEvoy offered the availability of training materials for providers on the technical aspects of direct billing, through DXC.

4. Discussion on priority areas for FY 2020

Katie Rock-Burns asked the group to identify funding priorities for FY 2020 to help the department create a budget plan.

Deputy Commissioner Mason suggested keeping the Blended Supports pilot, as it has shown great success. The group agreed.

Marina Derman suggested keeping and perhaps expanding the Employment funding. The group agreed.

Win Evarts suggested keeping the Assistive Technology funding. The group agreed.

Adrienne Benjamin asked whether there was a deadline for general provider readiness. Commissioner Scheff shared that there has not yet been a decision made on a specific timeline or policy direction. Rick Sebastian suggested that the group consider provider readiness for other things, such as education on how to reduce administrative costs through creative collaborations. Win Evarts offered the perspective that other non-DDS agencies are already embarking on joint ventures such as these and could potentially be tapped to educate DDS providers. The group agreed.

Commissioner Scheff offered an idea to pilot a College of Independent Living. This program would offer individuals a “semester” of independent living skills training. Ideally, the state would partner with a private provider to determine a location, curriculum, and staffing. Marina Derman asked how this type of program would differ from some of the existing “campus” style programs operated by a couple of providers in the state. Commissioner Scheff suggested that the program would be set up to more intentionally transition individuals out into some type of independent supported living setting. The group voiced support for the concept.

Meeting adjourned at 3:11pm.

***IDPAC Priorities
Finalized 8/22/18***

1. **Employment:** support alternative business models or alternative models of support that would employ or encourage the employment of people with intellectual disability through education and consideration of the establishment of a revolving loan fund for startup costs.
2. **Blended Services:** establish a combination residential/day services account to pilot blended services for a small group of individuals.
3. **Assistive Technology:** fund provider staff training on how to properly implement and promote assistive technology.
4. **Provider Readiness:** offer provider readiness analysis and education in the area of Medicaid direct billing.