

## Waiver Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

9/19/2011

In Attendance: Peter Mason/DDS, Joseph Drexler/DDS, Pam Fields/The Arc Meriden-Wallingford, Laurie Herring/The Arc New London County, Janice Chamberlain/Horizons, Thomas Dailey/DDS, Stan Soby /Oak Hill

Statement of agenda:

Transition and Implementation Committee - develop transition options, review and develop policies, procedures and processes in the application of transitioning to LON based rates, review and develop policies, procedures and processes for on-going rate reviews, hardship, etc.

Discussion:

- The transition to LON based rates would begin January 1, 2012 with an eye to a 7 and ½ year transition period.
- Looking at low rate providers and adjusting the rate to address the need
- Putting money back to fund people when others leave the system
- Noted is that school grad money has created the opportunity
- The transition committee to create goals to transition to a sustainable system using current appropriations
- Peter asked if Union issues will come into play, Stan noted that it has to be a part of the transition plan. Noted was the fact that union providers fall on both sides of the 8% mark
- Joe suggested that Peter create a spreadsheet showing those providers outside the range above or below the 8% of where the rates would be.
- Janice asked if some of the agencies that are above the 8% are serving high need people and have gone through the URR process, Joe noted that URR supersedes the LON rates.
- Focus on the outliers that are above or below the 8%, the majority of the agencies are within the 8%. Look at the group above, and then address those below. The difference is about 200,000 if all rates were moved at this time.
- The group talked about individualized meeting with agencies, letting them know where they sit within the 8%.
- All agreed that 8% would be marker that we would utilize going forward, this would allow agencies 7 ½ years to plan.
- Agencies would submit a plan annually using identified benchmarks like ½ of the 8% for the first six month.
- Peter suggested we would set a low bench mark for the first six months. At the next meeting a breakdown % of reduction using a chart including the average LON, number of participants- both ¼ and ½%

- Joe noted the region could use the up and coming training to teach regions about the process.
- The transition meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> can recommend and endorse the 8% then recommend a communication process to providers. Sending a letter out to agencies that are both above and below the 8%.
- Some discussion on the development of a draft for the plan document, perhaps using the format of the Continuous Improvement template or other existing annual templates.

Sub Committee Meeting Schedule:

September 23<sup>rd</sup> (this Friday) at 2:30 pm

October 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm

October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm

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