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Day Services Transformation ARPA Meeting

Present: Keith Lavalette, Sue Bastien, Beth Fisher, Varian Salters, Alli Smale, Cynthia DeLouise, Kathryn du Pree, Jennifer Keatley, Sean Bannon, Trever Rogers, Amber Carter
McDowell Communications: Maura Fitzgerald
Deloitte: Betsy Bella

1. Meeting Announcements: The meeting is a public meeting and is recorded.
2. Minutes from 3/6/23 meeting were reviewed. Beth Fisher moved to approve; Sue Bastien seconded. Minutes were approved.
3. Maura Fitzgerald, McDowell Communications Group: This phase is Supporting Transformation to Empower People (STEP). This reflects DDS' long-term commitment to move people to greater levels of independence. McDowell has developed a logo. Developing 7 informational videos, approximately three minutes long showcasing technology supports. Five have been shot. Still to be done are those on employment and self-direction. First five should be finalized later this month. Each video has an informational one-page accompanying document. Videos will go to Case Managers and providers. Later will be shared with individuals and families. Future videos interviewing individuals using these more innovative supports. Jennifer Keatley provided information for individuals who may be interviewed.
4. Betsy Bella, Deloitte: Have received plans from providers in Phase 1. Five plans have been received and another is expected. Two day and four residential, one provider proposing both. Providers are using plans to address staffing shortages and address continuing individuals' relationships. Plans range in the number served and number of settings impacted. One is using remote supports and assistive technology. Relying on frequent meetings during transitions. Providers in all regions are participating. Both KUHN and Easter Seals SE CT have applied but the proposal have not been approved. Jennifer Keating expressed concern about the incentives for individuals who may need to move in steps and may need more skill building before undertaking employment. Keith asked these providers to send their proposal to him. Plans will not be rejected but will lead to discussion between the provider and the department.
5. Future Meetings- Keith propose we go to a monthly meeting schedule. The committee agreed to meet monthly. We will keep the first Monday of the month as our meeting day. The next meeting will be May 1st.
6. Jennifer made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Varian. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.