



# State of Connecticut Department of Developmental Services

# DDS

## Minutes of the February 22, 2023 Meeting

**Location:** Meeting Held Virtually via Microsoft Teams

**In attendance** Cres Secchiaroli, Co-Chair; Peter Mason; Marina Derman; Yana Razumnaya; Shannon McCormick; Dawn DeMatteo; Sherri Knightly; Gunnar Abrahamsson; Claudine Testani; Kevin Bronson; Wayne Seidel; Deloitte (Betsy Bella and Julia Oak); McDowell (Maura Fitzgerald and Rebecca Brockway).

**Absent:** Princess Russell-Raynor, Co-Chair

### Introductions

Kevin Bronson calls the meeting to order at 11:01 am

### Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – n/a

### Topics for discussion:

#### a) ARPA Updates and Overview (Peter Mason)

- Still working on phase one of Transformation
- 26 providers have responded stating their interest in phase one. 12 of those providers are report they will submit a transition plan.
- Working closely with providers interested in submitting plans, one on one interview sessinos with providers. Will gather feedback on the process to inform how best to move forward with phase two.
- Deloitte working on state analysis and coming up with a list of recommendations, planning to share more on what they have been working on mid-March. Looking at value based payments for value based outcomes.
- Discussed efforts to redesign and innovate DDS website.
- Assistive Tech (AT)– discussed efforts around AT – conference in June, followed by July AT working summer camp; where families can take a look at how some of the AT works.
- Discussed grant submitted for non-project based housing; working with existing housing complexes to establish supportive housing sites.

#### b) McDowell Communications

##### o Discussed –

- Individual/Families survey and outcome.
- DDS Staff survey and outcome.
- Working on the 7 Videos – filming has begun; amplify individual success stories. Plan is to roll out in March. CM can share with individuals/families and providerd who need a visual.
- Stakeholder Newsletter- updates every other month; first issue will be top lines informing stakeholders on what committies have been working on, plan to release in March.

- Working on revamping DDS ARPA website.
- Master communications plan and calendar.

c) Deloitte Consultants- **not present.**

d) Divisional Communication –

- Discussed efforts towards improving internal communication ensuring staff is oriented to information, communication and updates prior to sharing externally.
- Revamping DDS website/intranet/sharepoint to better structure information with easier navigation and accessibility.
- CM Winter Series trainings in March discussed which will include a component for ARPA updates.
- More opportunities discussed to improve and ramp up internal communication around ARPA and other efforts.

e) Future Agenda Items

- Guest Presentation on Residential Incentives

### **Announcement of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, March 8, 11:00 am

### **Adjournment**

Kevin Bronson made a motion to adjourn, Wayne Seidel seconded; meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm.