

CCH Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2013

In Attendance: Sheryl Kemp, Jeannine Pettinico, Mary Beth O'Neill, Catherina Ohm, Cathrine Veroneau, and Kathy Calo.

The transition to LON based rates has been done with planning. There are a few people who need adjustments and very few people are losing over \$1000.00. Some individuals went to URR to keep enhanced supports in place. The South Region had to look at the service rate change as well whereas the other regions did not. The South will have 1 or 2 that require review going into next fiscal year. Ninety-nine percent will be completed in 9 months.

Each region must give Peter a regional plan with timeframes. All regions will use the LON rates uniformly. Those individuals whose condition may change, may need to go back to URR. Situations that do not change will not require ongoing review from URR. Sheryl will verify that all regions submitted the plans to Peter.

Reviewed Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2013

- Mary Pat will provide more information on the training done by IPP.
- Group reviewed similarities and differences of the model.
- IPP is licensed, but the Professional Parent homes are not licensed individually.
- Mary Pat will send a Risk Assessment that they use and information on New Hampshire.

The Rate Table was finalized in April. Sheryl will email to Tim O'Brien to update table with new DSS rates.

Draft Policy: "Establishment of Community Companion Home Service Rates and Payment Levels" was reviewed. Once the policy is at a level of drafting it will then be distributed to the readers group. Self-advocates, providers, families, and DDS personnel make up the group. Peter should review for consistency with the Central Office Vision. Edits were completed during the meeting. Sheryl will provide the edits to Tim. The Region will encourage Licensees to set aside one quarter of the special support payment to use for emergencies. Sheryl will inquire as to whether more discussion can be held regarding the SSP.

The group can make recommendations regarding rates and future increases for CCH providers. The group will evaluate areas of concern regarding potential issues for CCH's in the future. An individual who retires may be supported from home through the Individual day/non vocational waiver service. A provider/individual could become qualified for private hire for day program and then utilize the day money. The licensee must do timesheets to reflect the work performed. The individual would be receiving 24 hour care and getting a day service. Each individual must have active treatment. The providers identify different needs/issues with individuals who have retired including a change in

pace/tasks accomplished and a significant increase in the transportation to and from MD appts. The individuals receiving a LON 4 or lower seem to struggle at these rates and this may require evaluation in the future.

Qualifying Provider/Criteria:

The 24 hour criteria covered it, but neglected to mention the home study. Sheryl will make the change with Central Office and then review with teams for interview questions to allow agencies to enter into process. There will be web page announcements for instructions regarding how agencies can provide the CCH service.

Marketing ideas:

- Joan Barnish – support is not available currently.
- Robin Wood – funding for videos is not available currently
- Personal stories to be placed on the web page – Radio WTIC AM and United Way –there are always people publicizing their services. Possibly get a Manager, Case Manager to talk about the program.
- Discussed options for centralizing CCH information, referrals, and contact information.
- Public Service Announcements – ads from DCF regarding being a foster parent – billboards
- Contact DCF to determine marketing/advertising strategies – also contact private providers for ideas.

Next meeting: August 14, 2013 at 1 pm. The group may meet one more time regarding recommendations future rates.