

DD Subcommittee Meeting

May 22, 2008

Present: Jim Swain, VR; Michael Maybee, SRC; Patricia Little, NCARF; Jason Laws, DD Council; Maggie Neuman, Parent; and Holly Riddle, DD Council

Absent: Davan Cloninger, APSE; ED Davis, VR; Dave Richard, ARC; and Freda Lee, DPI

The subcommittee was charged with coming up with 2 or 3 things that were high priority for the DD population and submitting recommendations to entire work group and the MH/DD/SA division for suggested changes to existing service delivery mechanisms.

Committee members in attendance agreed to divide the issues into two categories: Supported Employment and Vocational Services since the emphasis of the entire work group is employment and usually relates to those 16 and older.

Supported Employment Recommendations

1. Conduct a national policy analysis on effectively integrating service dollars across divisions to provide effective, seamless delivery of supported employment and long term follow-up for non-waiver service recipients.
2. Conduct national policy analysis of other states "Employment First" manifesto for persons with disabilities. Evaluate how different state divisions portray that employment is the main objective and then other vocational/day services follow.
3. Require local LME to report on usage of LTVS dollars and ensure that funds are allocated for LTVS services and not reallocated to other service areas. Report on utilization management of LTVS by LME's on annual basis to promote accountability.
4. DD Subcommittee will review LTVS (YM645) definition to expand and include a support model using a holistic approach promoting work/life balance.

Vocational Services

1. Authorize DD subcommittee of EWG to study existing and proposed service definitions and make recommendations on appropriate utilization and implementation for state vocational/day services for age groups 16 and older.
2. Report on number of single stream LME's that has depleted ADVP or other vocational/day IPRS services? What is actually happening in communities?
3. Movement from a medical to a "support" model by promoting funding of state support grants as proposed in the Arc, CAP Tier Waiver Proposal for state services. Promote the support model of services through IPRS periodic funding using daily and monthly reimbursement rates vs. 15 minute "treatment" rates.
4. Evaluate and build transportation rates into state service delivery models.