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DBHDS Settlement Agreement Stakeholder Group

MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2014
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Henrico CSB
10299 Woodman Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060

2:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Heidi Dix

Heidi Dix began the meeting at 1:07 p.m. Commissioner Stewart and Deputy Commissioner Garland are attending the Senate Finance Committee, HHR sub-committee meeting and cannot attend the stakeholder meeting.

Ms. Dix announced that Connie Cochran has started as the Assistant Commissioner of Developmental Services.

Panel members in attendance:

- Heidi Dix, DBHDS
- Karen Grizzard, VACSB Chair
- Jennifer Acors, CSB representative/RACSB
- Karen Tefelski, VAACCSES
- Heidi Lawyer, VBPD
- Catherine Harrison, DARS
- David Wilber, VAACCSES
- Pat Bennett, PAIR of VA
- Ann Bevan, VNPP
- Karen Kimsey, DMAS
- Norma Draper, parent
- Bradford Hulcher, Autism Society of Central VA
- Katherine Olsen, Arc of VA
- Jamie Liban, The Arc of VA
- Michelle Johnson, Henrico CSB/DD Council Representative

2:10 p.m.

My Life, My Community HSRI Study – Phase 1 Recommendations

Dawn Traver

Ms. Traver made a presentation regarding the waiver study. It will be posted online with the meeting minutes. Ms. Traver answered several questions about the waiver study:

Q: Did the study address how to ensure conflict free case management and choice in case managers? A: It did outline the issues related to case management and options that VA should consider.

Q: Were options for non-work integrated day activities discussed? A: Not specifically, but DBHDS and DMAS have noted these are important elements to examine.

Q: What about physical therapy under the waiver? Is it available or only the consultation services? What if someone needs physical therapy every day or routinely? A: If a physician orders physical therapy then an individual will receive it through Medicaid state plan coverage. Anyone who receives Medicaid receives Medicaid state plan coverage as well as ICF care or a waiver.

Q: Is there an update on bridge funding? When will it be available? A: It is still in legal review, but should be resolved soon and distributed. Bridge funding is for individuals at SVTC and NVTC only who have needs that cannot be covered by Medicaid.

Q: It sounds like the timeline for the waiver has changed from June 2015 to January 2016? A: Yes.

Q: Who will be on the external advisory group for the *My Life, My Community*? A: We have not determined that yet, but it will be composed as external stakeholders.

2:40 p.m. New Reporting Requirements for Case Managers/CCS3 Changes

Kathy Drumwright

Ms. Drumwright presented on progress to date in implementing new reporting requirements for case managers and changes to CCS3. The handouts will be posted online with the meeting minutes.

3:00 p.m. Overview of Independent Reviewer's Third Report

Heidi Dix

Ms. Dix reviewed the Independent Reviewer's Third Report, which became available on December 6. It is available on the DBHDS website at: <http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/Settlement.htm>

There were over 30 recommendations in the report. Overall, the Independent Reviewer found Virginia has done well in its outcomes. There were several recommendations related to modifying the case management curriculum in the future and steps to take in the future in the areas of quality management.

3:20 p.m. Update on Crisis Services Implementation

Connie Cochran

Mr. Cochran reported on the implementation of the crisis services plans for adults and the crisis services plan for children. The START program will be renamed the Reach Program and will be modified from the START model over the next several months. All regional programs will be measured in core performance areas to determine successful operation of the programs.

DBHDS is working with each region to begin to plan for the roll out of a children's crisis service program.

3:40 p.m. Public Comment

➤ Comments limited to 3 minutes

There were 6 public comments.

Karen Schupak, representing NVTC resident, submitted a petition from over 10,000 Virginians was submitted protesting the process related to the closure of the training centers. This petition was also delivered to General Assembly members and the Governor-elect.

Chris McHugh, representing NVTC resident, stated that the regional training centers were the bridge in the 1970s from CVTC and 40 years later we are now trying to close them. Virginia is negligent in doing this and training centers have been demonized. There is a disconnect and we are moving to a non-coordinated system. There should be a system to show benchmarks and where progress is being made.

Harvey Crone, Richmond ARC, stated that choice should continue to be available and ICF should be a part of that. That is what is required of the ADA. Wants to know how many people will move to CVTC from SVTC and if there will be enough beds.

Kent Olsen, representing SVTC resident, wants to understand who can get bridge funding and when. No one wants his son in the community without the bridge funds. He will be 400 miles away at CVTC and this is not good. Does not blame DOJ, Virginia made the decision.

Jane Powell, president CVTC parents and associates, appreciate that skilled nursing will be provided. What about the skilled nursing facility at CVTC, did HSRI study address those needing those services. Read from Donald's report, "Community is not in compliance in almost every area" and there are unintended consequences. Example, risk triggers and thresholds.

Jamie Liban, The Arc of Virginia, FY17, current budget doesn't continue bridge funding and this needs to be addressed. The bridge funding amount is not adequate and DOJ has said we need to provide a bridge for those at risk. Cost savings should not be swept and budget language should protect it along with any interest from the Trust Fund. Dedicate \$30M each year of savings to community. Virginia still hasn't made headway in the most integrated settings.

3:50 p.m.

Future Meeting Topics and Next Meeting Date

Heidi Dix

Proposed: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 17

4:00 p.m.

Adjournment