

SELN Meeting Minutes

BOI Bldg., 2401 Colonial Dr.-3rd floor conference room, Helena, MT 59601

September 19, 2012

10:00 – 3:30 pm.

Attendees:

Kelly McNurlin – DDP	Peggy Olson – Family Outreach
Suzn Gehring – DDP Reg 3	Jeff Sturm – DDP
Charlie Briggs – ESGW	Rita Schilling – Job Connection Inc
Jannis Conselyea – DDP	Jenece Sharkey – ORI
Lori Idland – DRM	Joli Schroader – DDP
Greg Olson – Helena Industries	Diana Tavary – PLUK

Phone Attendees:

Kurtis Mayne – ORI	Rob Talon – REACH
Pat Sanders – Transportation	Norm Davis – Davis/Deshais

Norm Davis is a partner in Davis/Deshais who helped build the rates system for DDP. With the surveys collected in the spring from Providers, Norm built a spreadsheet to utilize the new Waiver work services. Through a webinar, Norm’s presentation began with a power point and then he ran scenarios on the spreadsheet. The spreadsheet reveals the flexibility of billing the services month to month and what changing the rates did to the bottom line,

The flexibility of options for individuals under the new service definitions is a nice option. This flexibility will allow providers to move individuals under a service option without having to change the cost plan dollars.

Projections on the spreadsheet were based on where people will fit in the new definitions. Employment 1st Policy wants to take a step at a time, aim for targets, and set some visions/targets. Some options for funding would be to get an appropriation to the budget or shift rates around.

The work group asked for a copy of the power point and to have access to the spreadsheet. The Providers in the SELN workgroup who sent in spreadsheets

should go back and separate percentages by definitions and compare it to make sure everyone is using the definitions the same.

Acronyms on the spreadsheet are:

SE – Supported Employment	FA – Follow Along
JD – Job Discovery	SG – Small Group
JP – Job Prep	DA – Day Activity
PV – Pre Voc	DH – Day Habilitation

Once an individual is out of Voc Rehab they will be moved into SE (Supported Employment) Follow Along because of restructuring of the definition.

JD (Job Discovery) – assessing individual.

JP (Job Prep) – pre-voc.-time limited

JD and JP are one service. Should these be broke out into two. These two services are billed by who is doing it and how they are doing it. If done by Job Discovery would we need to see how to enhance the rate?

Spreadsheet will be sent out for SELN workgroup providers to work with. A follow up call by web ex will be coordinated.

Waiver Definitions

A question was asked, “Would it be better to go to a managed care system for the Waiver?”

A managed care system cannot be in a 1915c Waiver. A managed care system does not take out tracking staff & documenting services and moves responsibility to providers. CMS is looking for transparency regardless of what Medicaid waiver a state has.

Last month the Draft – SELN New Waiver Work Services definitions were put on the DDP website. Kelly has not received any more feedback since the posting.

Supported Employment – Would have to have flexibility in service deliver regarding the ICP and invoicing. A provider will be able to invoice each of the 4 services in this category without having to change the ICP. Documentation of which services are anticipated will still need to be in the persons PSP. Changes

to the ICP and invoices will compliment changes that will likely have to happen anyway when we migrate into the new Health Enterprise (MMIS) system.

Brief Discussion on Career Advancement – Individuals are all different. Need to keep flexibility to keep individuals succeeding. How long an individual is in career advancement should be defined. Can VR definition be picked up? How do we determine stabilization? Once an individual has a job, VR/DD should move to Follow Along for stabilization.

Page one #8 communication should be added to training, support and **communication** to related skills.

Page two #9 does not include job analysis activities.

Page three #6 is intended to cover life coach activities/ follow along. Timelines were taken out of follow along.

Page four co-worker support is optional and nice to have. Kelly and Joli will do more research on this definition. Question – Is co-worker giving individual a ride to or from work?

Montana's Employment 1st policy seeks to integrate individuals into good jobs in the community at or above minimum wage.

Mixed crew – How does this work? Does it work? Minimum time – 11 months. Small group employment support – is there a clean definition?

Montana Medicaid, “Workers with Disability” is a blessing; it helps individuals to keep their SSI.

Page six Job Discovery and Job Preparation no big changes.

Page seven Day Health – who makes determination? Without a clear definition of Day Health this service maybe abused or people may get left out. Maybe a Procedures and Guidelines for Adult Day Health and Services can be created. Health can be defined in the procedures.

Partnership in Transition Grant – There still has been no news on who has been awarded this grant. We are still hoping to find out the end of September.

Employment Support Training RFP – Three requests for information were sent in for the RFI on Employment Support Training but only two entities sent in proposals for the RFP. A five member committee has been formed and will meet on September 25th to decide who will be awarded the RFP. This training will be a web based internet training for job coaches across the state that DDP and Voc Rehab staff will be required to take. DDP will let Providers know when the RFP is awarded. This will be a program the state owns.

Washington State and Montana Conference Call – Jayne Boone, Washington State National SELN member, was wondering about feedback on the conference call.

- It was good to get another states perspective
- Impressed with the 70-80 people involved on the call
- Learned a lot
- Would like to have more calls with other states
- With the individuals they were referencing was pre-voc counted.

Next meetings are from 10-3:00pm:

Oct 17 (BOI Wilderness room), this meeting was canceled and replaced with a Webinar on **October 25th**.

Nov 21 (BOI Wilderness room), and

Dec 19 (BOI Wilderness room). **G**