

MT SELN Team Meeting

Date: October 24, 2013
Time: 10:00 – 2:00 pm.
Location: Wilderness Room, 2401 Colonial, Helena

Attendees: Kelly McNurlin (DDP), Charlie Briggs (ESGW), Diane Tavary (PLUK), Diane Reidelbach (Job Connection), Tim Plaska (DDP), Barb Varnum (VR), Shannon Merchen (DDP Reg. 3), Peggy Olson (Family Outreach), Dorrie Fishball (Family Outreach), Joli Schroader (DDP), Greg Olsen (Helena Industries), Karen Cech (recorder).

Call In Attendees: Jenece Sharkey (ORI), Lori Lundberg (DDP Reg. 5), Rita Schilling.

Employment Support Curriculum Update - Kelly reported that the small group has been meeting and has received a lot of feedback and changes to the curriculum for the training model. These updates will be forwarded on to the contractor.

Update on Self Direct Waiver - The Supports for Community Working and Living 1037 Waiver has been approved and DDP is now entering the process of offering it to individuals. This waiver is a self-directed waiver that has three criteria:

1. Individual can only be in Waiver for 3 years without a job (individual is required to work toward employment of 10 hours a week.
2. If individual does not have employment after 3 years individual will need to exit or transfer to the 0208 Waiver.
3. Job Prep and Job Discovery will be done annually up to 3 times. Individual will need to exit or transition to 0208 Waiver if no employment.

Job Discovery consists of:

- The discovery of what type of employment individual is interested in,
- The components in learning what the individuals interests are, and
- The soft skills that are needed for the individual.

Priority rating:

- Initial screening - individual has to have 0208 Waiver services.
Four questions to asking to see if individual qualifies:
 1. Does individual have self-directed services?
 2. Can individual's resources meet slot of \$20,000?
 3. Is individual interested in integrated employment?
 4. Is individual receiving 0208 Waiver funding?

Providers involved in the individual with the 1037 Waiver will have to have an amendment to their contract. Trainings will be provided through Web-Ex to providers in November. Suzanne Crisp from the National Resource Center for Participant Directed Services Organization will provide technical assistance.

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Challenge will be how we will develop an objective way to find individuals for the 1037 Waiver slots. Should a pre-assessment be considered? FSS's will need training on developing a PSP (assessment) with a focus on work. If you have any ideas contact Joli Schroeder at jschroeder@mt.gov .

Implementation of 1037 Waiver is to be January.

Kelly will be working with Vocational Rehabilitation on Career Plan and revamping the document.

Promise Grant - Jim Marks of the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) has taken the lead on the Promise Grant that includes five states - Utah, Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Wyoming. This is a five year grant that is a joint initiative with the Department of Education (OPI), Department of Health and Human Services and the Social Security Administration. Key elements of the grant include services focused on both youth (16 yrs. and older) and families rather than only focusing on youth; waivers (if possible and if needed); a rigorous evaluation that SSA will lead, with input from VR/OPA; and pay-for-success payments, if the right conditions exist. A minimum of 2000 child SSI recipients among the five states will be selected. VR should hear October 1st who will receive it.

This grant was awarded to our group. Utah will be the lead in this grant. ***Attached to the minutes Barb Varnum has provided the group of an overview of the Promise Grant.

Employment Data - Kelly sent surveys and spreadsheets out for information collection in October to get data from providers. These surveys are due in December. A thank you to those we have already sent their information in to DDP Central office. If you have any questions on the survey contact Kelly at KMcNurlin2@mt.gov .

Now that employment services have been in use in the billing process Kelly will pull the data from AWAC's. This data will be a start for what we had no data for in the past.

The two data collections will give SELN results to talk about and what goals can be developed for DD and employment services. February will be a good time to discuss these topics.

Review Progress on 2013 Plan - Kelly reviewed the accomplishments of the SELN group for 2013 with the group. Small steps have been taken but the group has made progress.

Next Meeting - The NOVEMBER meeting will require no travel and will be a **WEBINAR ONLY** on **Tuesday Nov. 26th 2013, 10:00a – 11:30ish**. The December meeting will be canceled due to the holiday. The **January meeting** is scheduled for **January 23rd, 2014**. Details will be provided later.