

Supported Employment Leadership Network (SELN)
Meeting

Date: May 26, 2016
Location: Sanders Building, Room 207
Time: 10:00-3:00 pm

Attendees: Kelly McNurlin (DDP), Jennifer Finnegan (DDP), Erin Martin (VRBS), Bill Harant (DETD-SILC), Charlie Briggs (Easter Seals – Goodwill), Diana Tavary (PLUK)

Phone Attendees: Laurel Gebo (DDP), Loretta Lowe (DDP), Phyliss Astheimer (Family Outreach), Patrick Maddison (Flathead Industries), Shannon Merchen (DDP), Lori Idland (DRM), Diane Reidelbach (Job Connections), Kurt Mayne (ORI)

Roll Call and Opening Remarks:

- Introductions were made throughout the room and by participants on the phone.
- Patrick from Flathead Industries has joined the SELN group after attending the Disability Employability Conference. Welcome Patrick!

Employment Questions and Provider Job Action Plan:

- Loretta Lowe was on the phone to report the CMAG feedback on the job action plan that the SELN workgroup developed.
 - CMAG didn't like that it was another sheet for CM to bring and complete in the pre-PSP meeting
 - Loretta and Rose used our questions in the job action plan and built it into the current Risk/Needs assessment checklist. It is contained in new sections #14-#16.
 - CMAG meet is in June at the same time as our SELN June meeting so we can let Loretta know if we like the addition of the questions in the Risk/Needs assessment or if we want that changed. Then she will bring the comments back to the CMAG meeting.
 - Diane Reidelbach felt the questions needed to be re-arranged in a more progressive order. Loretta agreed and will get with Rose and work on doing this.
 - Since Loretta will be in Helena for the CMAG meeting she could come to our SELN meeting and get more feedback in person. We agreed to tentatively do this depending on how far we got today reviewing and discussing the Risk/Needs assessment.
 - Concern is still about whether clients would answer differently with providers filling out the form instead of the Case Manager. CMAG didn't feel it was an issue. Loretta said it may be better for the team to decide who asks the questions on a case by case basis depending on the individual client.

- We asked Loretta to see if she can find some other Case Managers to be on our SELN workgroup. Lori Lundberg is on but hasn't been to a meeting in quite a while so we would like alternates if she can't make it.
- After talking with Loretta, we resumed talks about the new format.
 - Concern: Some individuals only see CM's once a year so a more detailed discussion like our sheet has is needed than yes/no questions
 - Patrick felt that from his experience from being a CM supervisory that this additional form would not be too much for the CM's to do as far as workload because we would be taking the current career plan away. He sees as a provider that there is really a lack of knowledge on employment in DDP case management.
- Decided we will all individually look at it all and come back to the next meeting with additional questions and ideas.

Disability Employability Conference:

- Kelly read a sampling of a few of evaluation forms to the group. Reported they were for the most part very good and there were some great suggestions as well.
- Kelly will be having a meeting with Rebecca, Novelene, and Deann on the conference in the next few weeks.
- If we can do it again next year, Diane would like to see best practices covered to build on the presentations of this year's conference.
- Patrick mentioned that he has already implemented a lot of the things he learned at the conference including sending his staff to training on a topic covered in the conference.

Updates from Stakeholders:

- Job Connections are getting ready to hold their employment celebration that they do every year.
- Charlie said at the MDC Transition Committee it was said that the 0208 he thinks may be having an amendment done possibly next year. He thinks it would be a good opportunity for SELN to think of any employment changes to put in there if we have any.
- PLUK and ARC are putting on educational seminars for candidates and legislators. Providers felt they could use this forum to work with those up for election to educate them on employment for those with disabilities.
- Charlie mentioned that he would like the SELN group to be able to access more up-to-date information on the status of the ABLE act. The notes from the meeting on the website are old and not very current.
- Briefly discussed upcoming Legislature. Interim Committee meetings can be found at <http://leg.mt.gov/css/Sessions/64th/calendar.asp> Legislative Calendar

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday June 15, 2016 in the Sanders Building, room 107