

SELN Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2014

Time: 10:00 – 2:00 pm.

Location: 111 N Sanders, Rm. 107

Attendees:

Kelly McNurlin,	Jannis Conselyea,	Lindsey Carter,
Mike Hermanson,	Dorrie Fishbaum,	Diana Tavary,
Jeff Sturm,	Tim Plaska,	Karen Cech (recorder)

Phone Attendees:

Julie Clay,	Jenece Sharkey,	Shannon Merchen,
Diane Reidelbach		

- **Role Call and Opening Remarks** - Kelly welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed the group that the points of the agenda will be completed at 11:30 a.m. The group will get lunch and then participate in the Webinar that will start at noon. The Webinar is on potential effects of new CMS Waiver rules on non-residential services. Workgroup member attending the meeting can participate in the conference room and members that have phoned need to call in on the link that had been e-mailed.
- **Brief summary of John and Rie's presentation at DDP Provider call last week** – Kelly briefly reviewed a few slides from John Butterworth and Rie Kennedy-Lizotte's previous presentation. The session has been recorded and can be found at the following link, <http://connectpro97884399.adobeconnect.com/p8nz6r50jaz/> .

Discussion on CMS Rules and Montana waivers - HCBS new regulations are in effect March 17, 2014. If a program in Montana submits a waiver renewal or amendment all programs in DPHHS will need to submit a plan to come into compliance with the new regulations within in 120 days. DDP and many other programs have questions for Centers for Medicaid Service (CMS). Is this one big plan for all waivers or a plan for each program to get in compliance with CMS rules? CMS has been working with Michael Smull. Montana DDP may be okay since we are utilizing his assessment tools.

The new rule is to ensure the waivers are within the Olmstead requirements. Developmental Disabilities Program (DDP) and Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Olmstead plan is the same from when the program was one. Since VR has moved to a different division, it may be a good project for SELN to look at this old Olmstead plan and revise to bring it up to date with the new rule. The goal should be to make sure Olmstead and

waiver transitions correlate with each other. Once created any drafts can be sent out for comment.

Montana's process is good but needs to add more to what is written down. Part of the planning process will be to ask individuals what their interests and preferences are and that they are included and addressed in their Personal Support Plans. It was ask how we do this with individuals with no communication ability. It is noted that self-direct and Acumen will need to be informed what needs to be documented as changes are made.

DDS/ARC/ADDP blueprint for success web site may be looked at for Massachusetts for ideas.

Two questions DDP has for CMS -

1. Is the plan developed for compliance a state plan or a program plan?
2. How specific is the plan and what time frame do we have?

All groups and divisions of the state that are involved have the same questions.

CMS tool kit will be coming out and give the state guidance. The rule deals with a lot of residential services and employment services and settings.

There is an additional regulation that has been changed which is the approval of a new federal minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour for federal contracts. This is effective January 2015. Montana will have to look and see if it applies to any individuals in DD the waivers.

1037 Waiver - The individuals have been selected for the waiver and notifications have been sent out. The agencies are working with case managers to understand what self-direct is and how it works. There is a list of agencies on the DDP website that are doing employer authority. DDP is being flexible on timelines with the waiver being so new.

SELN meeting took a short lunch break to return to participate in the NASDDS webinar at noon.

Kelly will be participating in Project Search in Bozeman on April 3rd and 4th.

The next SELN meeting will be March 27th from 10:00 - 3:00 p.m.