

MT SELN Team Meeting

Date: August 29, 2013
Time: 10:00 – 3:00 pm.
Location: Conference room 207, 111 N Sanders, Helena

Attendees: Kelly McNurlin (DDP), Charlie Briggs (ESGW), Jenny Betz (DOL), Jannis Conselyea (DDP), Laurel Gebo (ESGW), Jeff Sturm (DDP), Diane Tavary (PLUK), Diane Reidelbach (Job Connection), Tim Plaska (DDP), Mike Hermanson (VR), Lori Lundberg (CM Supervisor), Dan Ladd (CMHB), Peggy Olson (Family Outreach), Joli Schroader (DDP), Troy Kelly (DDP Region 3), Karen Cech (recorder).

Call In Attendees: Jenece Sharkey (ORI), Greg Olsen (HI), Lori Idland (Parent - DRM), Marti Wangen (MACDS), Doug Doty (OPI), and Dusty Thomas (STEP).

Employment Support Curriculum Update - Kelly reported that Ellen Condon has been working on creating the Employment Support Curriculum to a power point format with notes to slide. Kelly will check with Ellen in a couple of weeks to check on the progress of the content and send any updates to the smaller workgroup for review. A conference call will be set up to discuss review what may be missing or what does not need to be included. DDP is looking to have the curriculum put into a functional tool that will be under state requirements and user friendly.

Smaller Workgroups Established -

Curriculum Workgroup consists of:

Diane Reidelbach, Rita Schilling, Peggy Olson, Greg Olson, Diana Tavary, Jannis Conselyea, Jeff Sturm, Mike Hermanson, and Patrick Fandrich.

Data Collection Workgroup consists of:

Jenece Sharkey, Jerry , Shannon Merchen, Laurel Gebo, Tim Plaska, Jeff Sturm, Kelly McNurlin

Kelly created an Employment Services Survey Draft work sheet. This survey is a similar style to the survey sent out a year and a half ago. When John Butterworth came in May the SELN group developed as part of the time line to send out a data sample survey in October. Kelly passed out the draft survey (excel format) to the SELN workgroup for review and any changes. The survey is not about specific employment services but about outcomes. Providers must choose a consecutive 14 day period in October and have the data returned to DDP central office by December 13, 2013. The purpose is to find out who is in a day or work service and earning a wage. The parameters of the survey need to be specific in the beginning and then as data has been collected and reviewed the parameters of data collection can be expanded. The small workgroup will determine and identify what data will be collected. When the data is received the SELN group can review and determine goals that may be set on how services can be best met for individuals.

One hundred percent participation is encouraged. Kelly asked if members of the SELN workgroup would be willing to approach providers that have not turned in the survey.

Jenece suggested that a list of providers that have not participated could be sent out to the workgroup so contact could be made. She also mentioned that if providers feel they have access to data and can see the final report the participation may be higher. Kelly said that the information will be posted on the DDP website.

Troy suggested that outreach from the Regional offices to provider doing the survey in their region may also help.

Small providers lack the administrative support to help with the survey.

The survey will be an excel spreadsheet. Web-based applications can be researched for future data collection. It was mentioned that the University system may have some options. Jenece mentioned she may have an interested party that handled web-based applications. She will get with Kelly to discuss.

The Data Collection workgroup will have a conference call September 3rd at 9:00 am. to discuss the draft spreadsheet.

A second source of data collection will be done through providers invoicing with the new employment services. The new employment services have been used for invoicing for the last two months and any glitches should be cleaned up. DDP will be able to get good data and a good base line through invoices on payment end.

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Remote Monitoring - Jeff informed the group about the Remote Monitoring training that would be set up in four locations across the state, Billings, Helena, Missoula, and Great Falls. The 0208 Waiver has expanded services to include remote monitoring the DDP thought it would be beneficial for providers or interested parties to see what possibilities the new service can provide. Five states across the country have this service in their Waivers.

Conversion to New Waiver Services - Kelly thanked providers for the hard work in making a smooth transition to the new employment services. There were a few technical issues that were fixed. At the next meeting Kelly will print out a report for the group to look at.

Jeff asked how the conversion went for the providers that were in the meeting. Peggy Olson loves the breakdown and mentioned that it captures more of her individual's she works with. Other providers commented that they also like the break down.

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Supports for Community Working and Living Waiver - DDP is still waiting for the approval of the Supports for Community Working and Living 1037 Waiver. DDP is hoping to start Waiver October 1st. Once approved a screening process will need to be determined, policies and procedures developed, QA measures developed, video trainings created, and Self Directed or Agency of Choice trainings. Individuals in the Waiver will need to have the goal to be working. An individual who is not working will not be in the Waiver.

Town Hall Meetings - The Developmental Disabilities Program (DDP) in conjunction with Montana Council on Developmental Disabilities (MCDD) will be hosting Town Hall meetings to acquire input from Providers, parents, and interested parties to get their ideas on what, where, and how the DD Program should move to for services. When MCDD has a schedule in place, DDP will e-mail the information out to interested parties.

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.

An e-mail will be sent out on the details for the next meeting.