

UWIN Work Group Minutes

Work Group: Executive Board Meeting

Meeting Date: August 8, 2002

Chair: Michael Deily

Minute Recorder: Tamara Keene

Attendees: Cathy Chambless, Kathy Daley, David Dangerfield, Michael Deily, Tamara Keene, Matt Knotts, Alison Lozano, Lynne MacLeod, Blaine Petersen, Bill Young, Hank Liese and Nonie Lancaster

Next Meeting Date and Location

October 21, 2002 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm State Library (250 N 1950 W) in Training Center East #219

Action Item Updates from Past Meetings

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Who</i>
Vanguard Media update	Logo is in production and media campaign is being planned. It will most likely be carried out with the use of DVDs and other more traditional methods. Targets are employers, providers and consumers.	Cindy Kindred Cathy Chambless Judith Holt

Discussions for Future Meetings

Discuss "Next Action Steps" from this meetings agenda

Topic and Summary of Discussion

UWIN Milestones

Executive board meeting format

- 1- Spend more time on project issues rather than program updates
- 2- Utilize discussion making and knowledge guiding capacity of the Executive Board

Benefits Planning (Kathy Daley)

Council Grant

Of 300 individuals who received BPA&O services all 24 are currently working (based on 2nd quarter reports)

Governor Council Grant—DDS Referrals

1. 30 vocational rehabilitation clients
2. Continue to follow individuals
3. Only 10 people have been on the system for longer lengths of time have show interest in returning to work
4. At this time Department of Workforce Services decides who to refer to Vocational Rehabilitation
 - a. Allows 750 individuals per year to program
5. Goal was to see 118 individuals, at the time of report there were just over 90

Social Security Cooperative Agreement

Funds 1 Benefits specialist

167 individuals are served

24 are employed

8 being served this quarter

Struggle to correct inaccurate information

Outreach and training is constant

TANF funds

Supports 1 benefit planner

240 people were given outreach

Currently working with 9 TANF clients

Referred 8 clients to Vocational Rehabilitation

Topic and Summary of Discussion

The Partnership with Department of Workforce Services is going well

Ticket issues and referring to Vocational Rehabilitation

- 1- Medicaid will refer
- 2- BPA&O specialist and intake will also refer

Medicaid Work Incentives (MWI)

CMS report at the end of June (refer to handout)

22 states have a Medicaid Work Incentives program

- 1- Our numbers only reflect 6 months

Expect a drop in participants with 2003 legislative cuts

- 1- From 20% of countable income to 30-55% depending on income level

UWIN project will be doing an evaluation of work incentive participants this fall to evaluate the impact of MWI changes due to cutbacks.

Are there any data for income levels on people who are participating?

- 1- No, but we'd like to get the okay to ascertain this evaluation data
- 2- Nationally there are only ½% of people who get off SSI
 - a. The National goal is to increase it to 1%

E-PAS

2 applicants since program opening on July 17, 2002

- 1- One is currently working

Still developing procedures and working out the kinks

Topic and Summary of Discussion

Issues to be addressed by Executive Board

Utah legal services

- 1- Doesn't handle SSI over payment issues
- 2- Will only serve after consumer has been denied once or twice

Disability Law Center

- 1- Doesn't have the funding to take on all cases with SSI
- 2- Talked about finding attorneys who would work pro-bono
- 3- Needs assessment training to offer better SSI support for consumers with questions and problems
- 4- Try in get an attorney reference list for those who are willing to handle over-payment cases
 - a. Will give an update for the January Executive Board meeting

Data Sharing

Department of Workforce Services and Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (MOUSE committee)

- 1- Receive wage and benefit information from Department of Workforce Service
- 2- Hopeful to receive "service" information
- 3- Contacted social security to be on their data share list
 - a. Received approval
- 4- Need cooperative agreement with Department of Workforce Service
- 5- PACMIS (Public Assistance Case Management Information System)
 - a. Eligibility system that houses TANF, Medicaid, childcare, and food stamp information
 - b. PACMIS will be re-vamped to a new system
 - c. Health letter on data share with Department of Workforce Services
 - i. Medicaid law says that the Health Department can't release information about consumers unless it relates to administration.
 - ii. Not allowed to give access to TANF and allow Medicaid information to accompany it by default
 - iii. Can allow this type of sharing with a release to share Medicaid information
 - iv. Evaluation needs identifying information that can match between MWI and DWS wage information
 - v. Logical and legal definitions for evaluation practices

Topic and Summary of Discussion

Training

Main concern for training is funding once the UWIN project grants comes to an end

Continuation of training

- 1- Build capacity within each agencies to train subject matter
- 2- Some agencies already have key people who handle and orchestrate training needs
- 3- Some agencies do not have a formalized training system
 - a. There are modules that already exist so that training can continue
- 4- Will be developing a training plan for each agency
 - a. Develop goals and concepts for who to train, and how to train.

Sustaining the BPA&O program

Social Security should invest ongoing funds to the BPA&O program

- 1- There is a possibility of SSA doing away with the Employment Support Representative (ESR), Esther Medina, on a National Level
- 2- How many BPA&O specialists does the Utah need to meet its needs?
 - a. May need 25-30, ideally
- 3- Send a message to SSA to help fund BPA&O specialists
- 4- How much of this is a Social Security issue?

What Value is there in agency savings based on the employment outcomes?

Is the possibility of privatization a possibility?

Income form the Ticket program, in all reality, will be minimal because of the requirements for employment

Cost efficiency and effectiveness studies

- 1- Economic modeling
- 2- DWS has an economist that should have some pertinent data
- 3- Welfare reform began using some of these concepts
- 4- Identify case studies

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New Grant Updates

One year grant to review and survey mental health consumers

- 1- Subcontract with Valley Mental Health

Grant will help determine a reasonable Personal Assistant determination for those who are mentally ill, rather than using the same determination models for the physically ill which isn't applicable. This model for Personal Assistance for the mentally ill has not been created or implemented nationally and is very valuable data.

How do we optimize getting the grant?

- 1- Show how we are coordinating to the one-stop model through Valley Mental Health
- 2- Detail that we are sub-contracting with a public entity who serves the same client populations
- 3- Use Valley Mental Health to show interest because of some preliminary studies

Action Steps

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Target Date</i>
Go to UBHN to see how to get training to Mental Health providers and to find a training partner to established training	Cathy Chambless Catherine Carter Robert Snarr	August 22, 2002
Send out SSA over-payment article to Executive Board and Grant Oversight groups	Cathy Chambless	Next Meeting
Ask Catherine Carter about the economic benefits study she did with mental health consumers	Cathy Chambless Lynne MacLeod	Next Meeting
Get a group together to meet with the DWS legal counsel to facilitate data sharing topics and discussion	Blain Crawford Cathy Chambless	Next Meeting