

UWIN Work Group Minutes

Work Group: Employment Supports

Meeting Date: April 10, 2002

Facilitator: Ted Loosli

Minute Recorder: Tamara Keene

Attendees: Attendees: Ted Loosli, Ronald Mecham, Jon Paulding, Steve Wrigley, Gordon Richins, Sandra Meehan, Cathy Chambless, Mande Bucklee, Judith Holt, Lynne MacLeod, and Nonie Lancaster

Next Meeting Date and Location

May 1, 2002 (Judy Buffmire Building, 1595 West 500 South) from 10:00am – 12:00pm in the South Conference Room

Action Item Updates from Past Meetings

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Who</i>
Get model surveys from DSPD that apply to checks and balances for quality control.	Accomplished—Work on modifications for PAS use. Check other options that DWS is exploring currently. i.e. HSRI, CORD, Indicator family survey	Nonie Lancaster Cathy Chambless Lynne MacLeod

Topic and Summary of Discussion

Reviewing PAS Committee Appeal Chart

Deficit Testing

- 1- Virginia has a tool that views deficit and available supports (ICAP)
 - a. MSD_HC does try to view deficits to some extent by scoring supports and fuctionability

Real Choice Grants

- 1- Nursing home transition back into the community (3 years)
- 2- UROC which allows Human Services and the Health Department to coordinate services across agencies, in particular when dealing with system change issues.

Mental Health Point of View

- 1- Ways to get Medicaid to fund for 2-4 months of employment
 - a. Increase of symptomology during first phase of going to work due to the increase of their stress level learning new tasks.
 - i. Find ways to reduce stress to help MH consumers make a smoother transition.

Up and Running

- 1- Need to get a program up and running and make a commitment to “really” evaluate it.
 - a. Just because we establish something doesn’t mean its set in stone. We have to begin somewhere so the process can grow and “work” into a viable process.
 - b. We do need to be “reasonably” sure about a tool or method, so we don’t remove people from eligibility without some certainty to the outcomes.

Procurement Problems (Updates and Issues)

- 1- Law says that payment must be given to provider or vendor
- 2- Who is the provider for Medicaid?
 - a. Fiscal intermediary is not a provider
 - b. Need to have a Medicaid agreement with each employee
 - i. Thus making each employee and “provider”
- 3- State procurement law is in jeopardy when there is no contractual agreement with employer (consumer in most cases)

Service brokers

- 1- Some issues if the broker represents or works for 1 agency
 - a. Difficult to be an advocate if operating for an agency who provides a service

Topic and Summary of Discussion

Time Limited Service for Mental Health Consumers

- 1- Specifically set up to cater to the special needs of a MH consumer.
 - a. Needs vary and time frame is usually limited

Who we need at ES meetings

- 1- Screening Issue (Tonya Keller)
- 2- Role of Voc-Rehab (Richard Nasogi...or like)
- 3- Case Manager vs. Support Broker
- 4- Person at Medicaid
 - a. Point of contact
 - b. Gather information about eligibility
 - c. Plan development
- 5- Medicaid eligibility (Linda Asa)

Action Steps

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Target Date</i>
Need to understand Medicaid approval process better. How accessible is gathered information from Medicaid Determination to other program i.e. PAS?	Tonya Keller	Next Meeting
Send PAS phone conference minutes to everyone in ES group as they become available.	Tamara Keene	All prior minutes have been sent, ongoing.
Need additional Vocational Rehabilitation representation –Richard Nasogi Need someone who understands Medicaid Eligibility process –Linda Asa Need someone who can explain and PAS Screening issues. Discuss what PAS means when referring to Screening Process. Discuss timelines and what a consumer can expect. –Tonya Keller	Cathy Chambless	ASAP
Schedule a meeting around Michael Deily to get him involved with ES workgroup and the issues involved. Further discussion at next meeting.	Cathy Chambless	To be determined at next meeting

Recommendations for GOE Group