

UWIN Work Group Minutes

Work Group: Employment Supports

Meeting Date: May 1, 2002

Facilitator: Catherine Carter and Ted Loosli

Minute Recorder: Tamara Keene

Attendees: Tom Brownlee, Mandee Buckley, Catherine Carter, Cathy Chambless, Tamara Keene, Tonya Keller, Lynne MacLeod, Jon Paulding, Gordon Richins, Linda Asa and Matt Reed

Next Meeting Date and Location

June 5, 2002--Judy Buffmire Building (1595 W 500 S), South Conference Room 10:00-12:00pm

June 19, 2002--Judy Buffmire Building (1595 W 500 S), South Conference Room 10:00-12:00pm

Action Item Updates from Past Meetings

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Who</i>
Understanding Medicaid approval process better	Invited additional people who understand and can explain to join employment supports meetings	Tonya Cathy USOR rep
Get better involvement for agency representation	Rehab representative—Getting a task force together to participate	Cathy
Schedule a meeting around Michael Deily	Meet on May 16, 2002 at 3:30pm	Members of ES group
Survey update by Nonie	Revising and collecting. Fit the survey to the information to be collected.	On going

Discussions for Future Meetings

Topic and Summary of Discussion

Tonya and Information on Medicaid and MDS-HC tool

- 1- MDS-HC results vs. clinical judgment (handout)
- 2- People who have more subtle needs are more difficult to determine
 - a. Mental Health clients
- 3- In some instances the tool said no services needed, yet clinical judgment overrides that determination

Second Pilot Test Results

- 1- Mental illness still had some determination problems
 - a. Not physical assistance, but the four who were tested could not have received a job and been successful on their own.
 - i. What is the definition of PAS services?
 - ii. What is the definition of Cueing?
 - b. Clinical judgment
 - i. Hygiene issues
 - ii. Social issues
 - iii. Learning to control symptoms
 1. Usually only in the beginning of new employment due to the increased anxiety
 2. Low frequency for maintenance
 - c. What is PAS service for mental illness / clearly different than for other disabilities?

Dr Fries—How the MDS-HC tool is being used and how it has been tested

- 1- 30-35% of tests are people who have disabilities (young disabled)
- 2- Currently being used
 - a. Do any of the states who use the tool use it for PAS services?
 - b. Are there any of the states that use the tool have large areas with Mentally Ill populations?
 - c. If states have PAS users, do they have experience on having a job? Do they have assistance for managing money for first time job seekers?
 - d. What do different states have for cueing issues related to PAS?
 - e. Who are the other 10 states that are using the MDS-HC tool?
- 3- Tool works well for physical disabilities IADL/IDL, but mental illness will need another tool for determination
 - a. Find out what problems mentally ill consumers have on the job
 - b. What is job coaching? Where does it apply? Where does it end?

Topic and Summary of Discussion

Policy Brief by Robert Silverstein (Draft Handout)

ADA and how it is applicable to the work place

MDS-HC Tool

- 1- For Mental Illness consumers, it may need a separate or additional tool
 - a. Very different criteria compared to physical disabilities

Medicaid eligibility

- 1- Are they receiving SSI or supplemental income? (Meets disability determination y/n, based on above statement?)
 - a. If a person has been denied social security, do they go through a state process?
 - i. Same as Social Security except different requirements on SGA
 - ii. Information goes to a review board
 1. Medical records
 2. Medical forms filled by a doctor
 3. Form filled out by consumer
- 2- D determination is applicable for PAS services for gathered information—may be outdated though.
- 3- Because information can change, Medicaid will only accept information that is 6 months old, never older than 2 years
 - a. Because conditions may change.
- 4- What kind of review for Medicaid works (education and criteria)
 - a. Exploring Medicaid booklet (general)
 - b. Consumers should come in to receive basic education about benefits, but if they don't their benefits can't be denied or held up.
- 5- Medicaid eligibility will get a person in contact with PAS but not do anything to begin determination of PAS needing consumers.

Washington DC meeting

- 1- Trying to see what other systems and tools other states use for assessments.
- 2- Following up on leads that may be valuable.

Action Steps

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Target Date</i>
Have evaluation team help get focus groups together and begin data collection to see what things would be valuable/plausible to PAS services.	Cathy Evaluators	Next Meeting
Set up a meeting with Michael Deily and John Williams to present issues around PAS services	Cathy Catherine	May 16, 2002
Linda Asa will find out what specific information to brochures and documents are still used in Medicaid.	Linda Asa	Next Meeting
Get quality of life survey/ email to Cathy and Nonie.	Gordon Richins	Next Meeting
Get a network between Kansas and Wisconsin Independent Living representatives to discuss PAS related issues	Deborah Mair Gordon Richins	May 15 at IL conference

Recommendations for GOE Group

Defining PAS Services and how it relates to the Mentally Ill
Define cueing