ACQ Members 2011

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Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Place	Meeting Topics
June 16th Conference Call	1:00 - 3:00	BOW 2nd floor Directors conference room by Director's office	Preparation call for HSRI - to formulate questions for meeting with HSRI and NASDDDS (Taskforce meets with HSRI and NASDDDS on June 22nd and 23rd);
June 22nd	9:00 - 4:00 with working lunch	Parents Reaching Out Training Room (PRO) 1920 B Columbia SE Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106 505-247-0192	Meet with and learn from HSRI and NASDDDS consultants;
June 23rd	9:00 - 4:00 with working lunch	Parents Reaching Out Training Room (PRO) 1920 B Columbia SE Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106 505-247-0192	Full day on Living Supports with Robin from NASDDDS and Questions and Answer with Travis on Living Supports Workgroup Ideas - Eligibility Criteria, Provider Criteria and Service Models
July 7th	9:00 - 4:00 with working lunch	2nd Floor Conference Room - BOW	Finish Living Supports (1/2 day) and Start Community Participation/Inclusion (including Service Models) - 1/2 day
July 8th	9:00 - 4:00 with working lunch	2nd Floor Conference Room - BOW	Continue Community Participation/Inclusion (including Service Models) - 1 day
August 11th	9:00 - 4:00 with working lunch	2nd Floor Conference Room - BOW	Medical and CM and Other
August 12th	9:00 - 4:00 with working lunch	2nd Floor Conference Room - BOW	Funding and Infrastructure
September 10th	9:00 - 4:00 with working lunch	2nd Floor Conference Room - BOW	Presentation of Service Definitions

DDW Content Area	Proposed Changes	Task Force Decision			
		Yes	No	No Consensus	Rationale for TF Decision
Appendix C					
Living Supports	Remove Independent Living service and instead make persons who need supports build a support program through less intensive and targeted options (i.e. personal care, respite, nursing, transportation, etc.)	X X			• Need to build in money to support individual's life style • Need clarification on respite to insure supports
▪ Supported Living	Unbundle Nursing. Provided in provider chosen/controlled home.	X X			• No Comment (N/C) • N/C
▪ Family Living	Unbundle Nursing and limit to two participants in a home. Tier the funding and the substitute care hours based on assessment.	X X			• N/C • N/C
▪ Shared Living	Unbundle Nursing, provided in individual chosen/controlled home. Tier the funding.	X X			• Be sure to delineate • Increase clarity on how rates are affected • How will putting in this service simplify the service?
▪ Medical/Behavioral	Replace outlier with these services. Medical congregate environment up to 5 participants with daily nursing monitoring. Behavioral with three options, one for persons in a residential setting,	X X			• N/C • Med ok – increase information/clarify for behavioral • Outliers need to have adequate funding / staff • Need to clarify a BX home

	one for persons living at home with family, and one for persons who are in a BX home.				
Case Management	- Increase the emphasis/ mandate the identifying and use of community and generic supports.	X		X	• This is a team job • Case Managers are currently doing this
	- Limit changing case managers to open enrollment period (once a year)	X		X	• Change CM to every 6 months or open enrollment process to every year
	- Strengthen the limitations on providing other services, Guardianship being a FL provider.	X X			• N/C • N/C
	- Change to an independent assessment system, at least initially and periodically.	X X			• N/C • N/C
	- Shorten Individual Service Plan document, allowing more time for monitoring implementation.	X X			• N/C • N/C
Clinical/Medical					
▪ Nursing	Unbundle nursing from other services. Hours of nursing will be included annually for assessment and on call purposes. Nursing will be provided as separate line item on budget by the residential provider (if there	X X			• N/C • N/C

	is one).				
▪ Therapy	Therapy (OT, PT and SLP) services will be limited to 52 hours a year for service with an established therapist. 62 hours a year will be approved for the initial year of service with a new therapist to allow for assessment and planning. 72 hours a year will be allowed for those at moderate or high aspiration risk in order to assess, develop and train a comprehensive aspiration risk management plan. There will be a rate increase for PTAs and COTAs in order to increase utilization of these extenders.	X X X		X	• Instead of limiting 52 hours use SIS; use caps of 72, 62 and 52 hours, but 10 hours less for subsequent years. • N/C • N/C • N/C
Behavior Support Consultation	Refocus behavioral support to augment functional skills and positive behaviors that contribute to the quality of life *and* reduce the impact of behaviors that compromise quality of life.	X X			• Based on discussion earlier this morning at Taskforce Meeting • Tighten up what substantiates for all therapies • Allow for easier discharge for therapies when not needed any more.
Preliminary Risk Screening	This is a new service where qualified trained professionals will screen individuals with potentially sexually	X		X	• N/C • Do not know how prevalent and thus whether this service is needed

	inappropriate and offensive behaviors and recommend appropriate supervision and supports to teams.				
Socialization and Sexuality Education	This is a new service where qualified trained professionals and self-advocate mentors will teach the approved Friends and Relationships curriculum to individuals choosing this service.	X X			• N/C • N/C
Tier III Crisis Supports	Change the name to "Crisis Supports" to reflect the service more accurately; no other changes proposed.	X X			• N/C • N/C
Community Participation					
▪ Community Integrated Employment		X		X	• N/C
▪ Community Connection		X		X	• Based on earlier discussion.
Infrastructure					
Assessment	Have an independent entity administer the SIS, initially and at least periodically. Have the Case Manager complete/ facilitate the completion of the LOC Abstract	X X			• How do we link LOC documentation with need (LOC doc and SIS)? • N/C
▪ SIS		X X			• N/C • N/C

Resource Allocation					
▪ Unique Individual budgets		X X			• N/C • N/C
▪ Additional Levels (1-8)		X X			• N/C • N/C

Rate Study Steering Committee Members
July 25, 2011

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The Advisory Council on Quality
Supports for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Their Families

July 19, 2011

Dear Interested Parties:

The Advisory Council on Quality Supports for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Their Families (ACQ) is issuing a call for nominations to serve on a Rate Study Steering Committee. This committee will be created to advise the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) throughout the rate study conducted this fall by Mr. Peter Burns from Burns and Associates. The functions of this steering committee would be to develop communication strategies that would facilitate information flow from providers directly to Peter Burns; review draft documents; and provide content feedback regarding issues pertinent to the rate study.

ACQ members would like nominations to fill the following steering committee slots:

- 2 self-advocates
- 1 direct care support staff with one alternate
- 2 case manager
- 2 therapists
- 1 adult habilitation staff
- 1 community access staff
- 2 supported employment staff
- 2 advocates
- 2 family living providers
- 2 residential providers

ACQ members need steering committee nominees who are system thinkers, from rural and urban areas, from large and small providers, who represent a variety of cultures and languages and who are committed to attending all meetings. Self nominations are welcome.

The following four meetings are scheduled for the following dates, times and locations in Albuquerque:

Friday, July 29th, from 1:00 – 4:00
Location: Bank of the West, 17th floor conference room, 5301 Central Ave., Albuquerque, NM 87108

Friday, August 5th, from 9:00 – 3:00
Location: United Way, room 100 (2nd floor), 2340 Alamo Ave. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106

Friday, September 16th, from 9:00 – 12:00
Location: Parents Reaching Out (PRO), training room, 1920 B Columbia SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106

Friday, October 14th, from 10:00 – 4:00
Location: Los Griegos Community Center, large multi-purpose room, 1231 Candelaria Road, NW Albuquerque, NM 87107

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The Advisory Council on Quality Supports For Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Their Families

Date: March 25, 2011

Dear Cabinet Secretary Catherine Torres, M.D.,

The Advisory Council on Quality Supports for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Their Families (ACQ) strongly support the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) decision to adopt the use of the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) for a pilot project beginning in the spring of 2011.

The current assessment tool used by the Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver (DDW) (MAD 378) is designed as Long Term Care Assessment for ICF/MR and is a tool which measures an individual's deficits.

The purpose of the SIS is to evaluate and measure the type of support (monitoring to full physical assistance), frequency of support (none to hourly) and intensity of supports (no time to up to 24 hours daily) required by an individual with a developmental disability to participate in fifty-seven activities in their home and community. The results from the SIS interview lay the groundwork in making informed decisions about an individual's support needs.

Supports identified in the SIS include supervision, training, counseling, transportation, personal assistance, assistive devices/technology, equipment, modifications, adaptations, monitoring, strategies, individual preferences, etc., whatever supports an individual needs to function successfully in the home and community environments.

Our Council believes the SIS will provide an objective system for quantifying exactly what services an individual needs. It is a valid and reliable assessment tool, specifically designed to measure the type of support, frequency of support and intensity of support an individual with a developmental disability needs.

In conclusion, the ACQ fully supports the use of the SIS for the DDW program in an effort to better access the need of the individuals receiving services through the DD Waiver and to continue to provide quality.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (505) 865-4651.

Sincerely,

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