



Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council

Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Date	September, 7, 2023		
Time	10:00am – 12:00pm		
Location	Herschler Building Capitol Extension Room 1, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming Call In Information: https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/94868995005 , (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 948-6899-5005		
Purpose	To assist and advise the Division of Healthcare Financing (Division) in implementing a statewide service delivery system for persons who are identified as having developmental and intellectual disabilities, and acquired brain injuries (ABI).		
Members	Rita Basom, Ginny Chidsey, Maria Clark , Lorie Conrad, Brenda Dick, Jeff Gardner, Kayla Green, Buck Gwyn , Arkansas Le Marr, Marcella Maher, Sandy Root-Elledge, Bob Sell		
Division Staff	Matt Crandall, Elizabeth Forslund, Lee Grossman, Dillion Johnson, Julie Lacey, Jennifer Adams, Shirley Pratt		
AGENDA ITEMS/KEY POINTS DISCUSSED			
	Topics	Time	Highlights
1.	Roll call and approval of minutes – <i>Jeff Gardner</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jeff called to order the meeting at 10:00am ● Minutes were approved for the June 1st meeting.
2.	Division update – <i>Division</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACCESS FMS Open Information Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Julie Lacey stated FMS for participant directed model will be touring the state this month from 9/18-9/21. They will be stopping in Afton on 9/18, Riverton 9/19, Powell the morning of 9/20 and Gillete in the afternoon on 9/20, and Casper on 9/21. These will be open forum sessions with Q/A built into them. ● Personnel Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elizabeth had HCBS staff introduce themselves and name current position. Shirley Pratt is the Provider Support Unit Manager. Jennifer Adams has been hired as the Benefits and Eligibility Unit Manager previously vacated by Samantha Mills. Matt Crandall has been selected as the Policy and Communications Unit Manager which was vacated by Shirley Pratt. Jennifer Adams has made two new hires for the Benefits and Eligibility Assistant Manager Position, Alex Brooks and Erin Sparks. ● DD Waiver Renewals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Matt stated the DD Waiver Renewals are currently in the public comment period. The public comment period closes September 15th. The intent is to submit the waivers to CMS before October 1 to allow CMS 180 days



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		<p>to review the renewals. They are set to be effective April 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New Rates Effective October 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two rates are occurring starting October 1. There is the general rate increase to all providers and an additional rate increase specific to Agency providers based on the DD rate study. A meeting is being held tomorrow to provide answers and questions which is meant for all providers. Thanks was given to the HCBS team for working on the project. Shirley Pratt requested patience with the new rate increases and encouraged everyone to be at the presentation tomorrow. ● NCI Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dillion is working with NCI to get data back sooner for the NCI surveys. Otherwise the data won't be available until February. The NCI in person survey just submitted with 416 surveys completed. 323 responses were needed to meet margin of error requirements of 5%. ● Waitlist Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently processing letters and funding opportunities. Waitlist has been cut roughly in half. These are being processed gradually to avoid HCBS system overload. 25 slots were not accepted which has allowed additional spots to open for other individuals. This month we are sending out letters for December individuals. Ginny asked about rollout and provider concerns with participants being able to get services. No concerns have been heard from the public. ● Tech Innovation Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A batch of grants have been signed by the Director and are currently awaiting processing to receive funds. The rest are still waiting to be signed. Providers will receive funds the same way funds are issued through the WOLFS system. Next cycle for Innovation Grants begins October 1st and ends October 31st. ● Medication Assistance Training (MAT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently aiming for October 1st for this training to be available.
3.	Mental Health and Vulnerable Adult Task Force – Jeff Gardner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There is one piece of legislation still being discussed about updating the definition for vulnerable adults. No legislation is being considered for guardianship. The next meeting is September 28th and 29th and it can be watched on the legislative youtube channel.
4.	Member updates – <i>Council Members</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rita - Last meeting as part of DDAC. Rita stated she is thankful for the opportunity but it is time to step down and



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		<p>give someone else the opportunity. Jeff stated we appreciate the last 6 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ginny - Ginny stated this will be her last meeting. Rachel Crawford is attending and will be taking Ginny's spot as Ginny will be retiring November 3rd. The WDE Professional Development Portal is also available. The link for the portal is: https://wde.midaseducation.com/professional-development/catalog/introduction• Rachel Crawford - mentioned a training is occurring discussing the intersection of IDEA and the Juvenile Court System. The training is happening October 17-19.• Lorie - Stated the case management certificate tier training went smoothly and appreciated the material for the training.• Kayla Green - The yearly conference is going virtual due to past attendance. Due to the new Federal Fiscal Year they are getting new grants and contracts. Please reach out if you want information or referrals shared on the newsletter listserv. You can reach out to Kayla or Shannon. The council is looking for anecdotal stories on the impact the council has had on people.• Buck- Council was informed Buck may have retired. Matt will follow up on• Arkansas - Getting staffed as people are going back to work• Marcella - No update• Sandy - Returning to doing ICAP in person. A new person Dawn Rudolph has been hired as project manager and is handling the ICAP and FASI projects. FASI interviews are launching as well. Currently exploring post-secondary education opportunities for IDD individuals as funding has been received. If people want to be a part of that discussion please reach out. A new echo series is launching covering a wide variety of topics.• Bob - Annual buddy walk is being held Saturday in Laramie. This is a great opportunity to bring families together. 350 people are registered for the walk with the expectation another 100 will sign up the day of. This is being held at Washington Park. Senator Barrasso will also be attending. Added additionally that the Medication Assistance Training has been a project but the Division has done everything to keep people certified and keep everyone safe.• Jeff - DSP professional of the year is being announced next week in Casper on September 11th. Providers will be doing things around the state to show appreciation to DSP's. Elizabeth will be there to give out the award. A question
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		was asked about the Federal shutdown. Jeff was informed by Lee Grossman the Federal shutdown will not impact HCBS services.
5.	Council Member Term Expiration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rita Basom - Stepping Down ● Maria Clark - Expressed interest in serving another term and has been given an application to fill out. ● As part of the application process a committee of three individuals not including the chairman have to review applications and make a recommendation to the Director of the Department of Health. Bob, Jeff, Sandy, and Arkansas will be members of the committee. Matt will send out notice for applications and reach out to volunteers to set up a time to review applications
6.	Public Comment	No comment received from the public
NEXT MEETING – December 7, 2023 - Zoom Only		