



Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council

Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Date	December 7, 2023		
Time	10:00am – 12:00pm		
Location	Virtual Only 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	Rachel Collins, Lorie Conrad, Rachel Crawford, Brenda Dick, Jeff Gardner , Kayla Green, Michelle Hilaire, Arkansas Le Marr, Marcella Maher , Lucy Russell, Bob Sell, Bonnie Wilson		
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>Bob Sell</i>	5 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none">New Council Members - Bob Sell called the meeting to order and completed roll call. Motion to approve minutes was completed and affirmed. No changes to the minutes. Introductions were completed by the state, current members of the council, and new members of the council.
2.	Division update – <i>Division</i>	40 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rate Increase Update - The rate increased in October and was one of the more difficult rate increases. The rate increase seems to be implemented but there are still challenges to Case Management. We are working with Acentra to work on the Case Management Claim. There will be a mass adjustment once the issue has been fixed. A ticket has been submitted to get the situation fixed and Jennifer is continually checking the ticket. There is some confusion about the application of the agency rate.Changes to EVV - As part of the Federal 21st Century Cures Act, EVV is intended for Home Based Services. Ensure people actually receive the services they are supposed to receive. The goal of EVV is to get a handle on fraud, waste, and abuse and providers are required to clock in and out at the location. There will be new functionality in January . Multi-factor



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		<p>Authentication (MFA) will be introduced. This will require people to verify who they are when they log into the system. The second functionality is Geo Fencing. This puts a virtual perimeter around the location of service which spans a ½ mile. If the employee clocks in or out outside of the perimeter it gets flagged and an explanation is needed as to why everything didn't happen inside the perimeter. If you are using a landline, this won't apply as the landline is associated with the address.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personnel Updates - Ongoing staffing changes on the provider specialist side of the HCBS section. Getting new folks (Andrea and Jaime) trained on the job processes. One vacant position for Benefits and Eligibility Specialist which was vacated by Leslie. Interviews are being done today. Sherry is also retiring in December. Sherry works with the LT-101 process. We are working on getting that position posted and filled.• DD Waiver Renewals - Are set to be effective April 1, 2024. We are currently working with CMS on getting the renewals approved. CMS has submitted a Request for Additional Information (RAI) and we are currently in the process of getting those questions answered and submitted back to them.• NCI - IDD Update - Surveys for the NCI-IDD-IPS survey were submitted August 31st and we will have to wait for results. The NCI-IDD-SoTW survey should begin around mid February.• Waitlist Funding - The legislative funding has allowed 244 people to be funded off of the waitlist. January of 2024 will be the last month of people being added from the waitlist from legislative appropriations. Due to the freeing of other funds we can add an additional 150 people from the waitlist. These individuals will be funded by April. The waitlist will be down to 18 months.• DD Rate Study - We are working with Guidehouse on completing the study. The Survey will be released this Friday or Monday of next week. The Division will be facilitating two
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			<p>training sessions on how to fill out the survey on December 13th and 15th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tech Innovation Grant - The second application cycle has closed. The review team met and approved 9 grants for funding. We will be working with the approved individuals on getting the proper documentation gathered to pass on to Fiscal and our Attorney General's office to get approval to release the funds. • Medication Assistance Training (MAT) - This project was accelerated by COVID but there were concerns about people receiving consistent training. The MAT online training originally went live in April, but due to some issues it was pulled down. The training went live again in October, and there are still some technical glitches, but people are able to complete the training. • Budget Session (What Might be Coming) - We are preparing for the upcoming legislative budget session for next year. A budget hearing will be held December 18th in front of the Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC) • Interpreter Services - As of July 1 sign language providers are no longer considered Medicaid providers and cannot bill Medicaid directly for services.
3.	Increasing DDAC Public Awareness	10 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With a low number of applications received for the recent vacancies on the council a request for ideas on increasing public awareness of the council was made. Kayla from the General Council has a listserv and would be willing to put out a general overview of the council. The Division will begin sending out the minutes from the council minutes after minutes are approved. The Division will also utilize the Support Calls to talk about the council. The University of Wyoming also has a list that can be utilized.
4.	Member updates – <i>Council Members</i>	15 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kayla Green - Currently Bright Ideas is accepting applications for a mini grant until January 12th. Ideas are to be new and innovative. The Grant Cycle starts October 2024 and goes through September 2025



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Hilaire - 2024 marks the 30th anniversary of WIND. Once plans have been made on what they will do, the council will be notified.• Bob Sell - Many organizations have responded to the raise in provider reimbursement rates by increasing wages. A positive impact has been made, but there are still issues with retention. Vacancies are still high and turnover is still high, wages will still have to increase.
5.	Council Member Secretary Position	10 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council had an open secretary spot. Kayla nominated Arkansas for the position - Affirmed by the council.
6.	Public Comment	10 min	No public comment
NEXT MEETING – March 7, 2024 - Zoom Only			