

TACIDD
Meeting Notes
September 21, 2012

Announcements

- There is no an online personal assistant directory (for individuals to locate a CD personal assistant and for those seeking employers to post their information). This was developed through a Virginia Board for People with Disabilities grant to the Virginia Association of Centers for Independent Living. It can be accessed at <https://connect.publicpartnerships.com/va/login.aspx>.
- Northern Virginia Training Center and the Northern VA Arc are applying for a grant to expand community based dentistry.
- October is Disability Awareness Month.
- The Arc of the US convention is the third weekend in October.

ODS Updates

DOJ

- The judge signed the Settlement Agreement on August 23rd. Changes noted regarding the training center discharge process and clarification of Code language about Authorized Representatives and guardians.
- The Commissioner is sending a letter to every individual in the training centers and their ARs about the revised agreement and the training center discharge process. This will be posted to the DBHDS website.
- There will be a follow-up letter to families slated to consider discharge this year.
- The Settlement Agreement monitor, Don Fletcher, will conclude his first reporting period on October 6 (reporting periods are 6 months in length). Once his report is posed, DBHDS will prepare a response.
- A report is due to the General Assembly on December 1st about how we think we are progressing in implementing the Settlement Agreement.

Community Movement Activities

- Next week and the following week, DBHDS will hold provider forums in all regions. More may be held in the fall, as the current sites are filled. Also there may be forums for individuals and families scheduled later. The presentation will be posted to the DBHDS website.
- Pre- and post-move monitoring is progressing satisfactorily.

START

- All regions will have all components up and running this fiscal year.
- HPR III is the most advanced. They have their mobile teams up and are 70% complete on the construction of the respite house.
- HPR V will be taking calls 24 hours/day by 10/1. Construction on their respite house has not yet begun
- HPR 1 & II will be operated by Easter Seals.
- DBHDS is hoping for funding for children's crisis services next fiscal year.

Employment First

- The second Employment First Summit will be held on October 2 – 3 in Virginia Beach. All are invited.
- The Virginia Board for People with Disabilities is providing cost reimbursement for self advocates to attend.

Case Management Modules

- These are now available and open to DD case managers, as well as ID support coordinators.

Individual and Family Support Program Funding

- The regulations for this program are with the Office of the Attorney General presently. DBHDS staffs hope to present them to the DBHDS Board at their October meeting.
- Once the regulations are complete, ODS can begin allocating money to individuals from the ID and DD Waiver waiting lists who apply.

Housing

- DBHDS explored pursuing a HUD 811 grant, but in the end the decision was made to wait until next year to apply. The grant would help fund constructions of apartment dwellings, 25% of which would be for people with disabilities, as well as providing rental subsidies for those individuals.
- DBHDS is hoping to open other options to individuals besides group homes
- DBHDS is developing a plan to use the \$800,000 allotted via the Settlement Agreement for rental subsidies.

National Core Indicators

- DBHDS contracted with the Partnership for People with Disabilities to conduct direct interviews with individuals with intellectual disability. The target number was 400 interviews, but that many were not able to be completed in the time frame. Virginia only had about six months to obtain the 400 interviews, and other states new to NCI also had trouble meeting that number.
- Because this is part of the quality review system with the Settlement Agreement we want to expand the number of interviews over time.
- Once the data is compiled, DBHDS will distribute the public report of the results so that they can be compared with the national results.

Provider Training

- All modules are on the Knowledge Center website and have been updated, including the PCP training.
- ODS rolled out updated training for direct support professionals (and their supervisors) in June.
- Training Center staff has been trained on the ID Waiver.
- A training module about Crisis Stabilization services will be posted to the Knowledge Center very soon.

Waiver Renewals

- DBHDS and DMAS met with Secretary Hazel about where to go with the ID, DS and DD waivers. The decision rests with him now.
- DBHDS IS engaging a national firm to look at waiver services and rates and work with stakeholders.

Case Management Workgroup

- Comments are due today. Many have been received.
- There will be a communication from the Commissioner in October about the new DOJ Settlement Agreement related expectations for support coordinators/case managers.
- DBHDS and DMAS staff will meet with the DD Waiver case managers in November to review the new expectations with them.

Presentation: Public Guardianship Program – Janet James, DARS

- There are 601 public guardianship “slots” for the state.
- There are 15 service providers statewide.

Presentation: Commonwealth Community Trust – Joanne Marcus & Karen Currie

- CCT is a private, non-profit organization established in 1990 that manages special needs trusts.
- A further information session about CCT’s work will be held at the Tuckahoe Library in Henrico Co. on 10/16 at 7:15 PM. Register at specialneedstrust@eventbrite.com.

Video: Living the Smart Life

- Demonstrates the use of technology to support people with disabilities in the community. See www.ablelinktech.com

Person Centered Moment – Barry Seaver and David Meadows

The next TACIDD meeting is scheduled for April 19, **2013**, 10 AM – 2PM, at the Henrico Area Mental Health and Developmental Services on Woodman Road, Glen Allen.