Family Support Council Meeting
April 5-6
Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center
Rapid City, SD
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Sarah Carlson, Valerie Ahrendt, Pat Norin, Tim Reinbold, Amber Finnesand, Darci Bible, Kristi Hale, Tina Kenser, Rhiannon Town, Bridget Leiseth

Members absent: Jen Carda, Dianne Baumiller, Lindsey Madsen, Elizabeth Brown

DHS Staff: Darryl Milner, Jaze Sollars

Opening Round and Introductions:
Sarah Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM CST. The meeting started off with a welcome and introductions of each council member, their role on the council, what area of the state they lived in, and what their summer plans are.

Approval of minutes:
Pat Norin motions to approve minutes from the Feb meeting with corrections, Amber seconds the motion. All in favor

Review/Discuss changes to Council By-Laws:
The memo from Jen and response from Sarah is noted. Pat makes a motion to approve the bylaws. Tina seconds. Motion passed with one opposed. The council spent time discussing the difference between the word of advising versus participating. Several council members presented the idea of advising the State to hold more power and follow the Governor's order as opposed to participating. Darryl informed the council that Executive Orders can be found on the Secretary of State's website.

Council Member Travel Issues
Sarah discusses the importance of finding locations that self-advocates can make it to so that they can continue to participate in the council meetings. The council shared the importance of holding meetings in different areas of that state so that families not on the council can be engaged. It was suggested that coordinators discuss the Family Support Council with their participants and how to participate and when/where the meetings are and information on website. Pat shared the importance of informing people that they can only talk during public comment session.

Disability Awareness Day
Pat shared that Disability Awareness Day at the Capital was a huge success. Those involved felt like legislatures took a huge interest and apologized that they were not able to do more for families. The flyers were very helpful to show the cost saving of participants on Family Support. They felt like it was helpful for legislators to put a face to a name and that they were well received. With the new administration, council members felt unsure where policies will fall within the realm of disability. This administration is learning very quickly what community supports are available to support more individuals in community settings as opposed to SDDC. It was suggested that council members reach out to their legislatures in their community and inform families of individuals with disabilities that they have a voice and can advocate for supports in the community.

DDD Updates
Darryl shares an update on staffing within the Division nurse and CHOICES program specialist and how eventually, more staff will be engaged in the Family Support program. This will include assigning local programs to a Division staff to serve as a program liaison to the office. Darryl plans to request additional FTE so that we can support more individuals in community-based settings as opposed to institutional care.

Darryl discusses pre-payment review process involving service coordinators at two community support providers. This process involves reviewing case notes to ensure services provided are acceptable. This process is in place indefinitely until significant progress has been made with service coordinators.

Diane motioned to end the meeting and Amber provided a second. The members decided to recess for the evening at 9:20 PM MT.

Saturday April 6, 2019

Sarah called the meeting to order 8:37AM CST. Sarah Carlson, Valerie Ahrendt, Pat Norin, Tim Reinbold, Amber Finnesand, Darci Bible, Kristi Hale, Tina Kenser, Rhiannon Town, and Bridget Leiseth were present.

Division of Developmental Disabilities Update:
Keeping Families Connected Action plan was developed to bring program into compliance and improve the quality in which services are being delivered. This action plan Continues to be a work in progress and the Family Support program is close to achieving Medicaid compliance. The entire system is working to become a part of the solution and learn charting the LifeCourse to apply it to the work they are doing with families. The Deputy Director of Medical Services came to speak on a bi-weekly call helped reduce the resistance.

Medicaid is required to fund the cost of incontinence supplies moving from waiver funding to Medicaid. All waiver participants receive Medicaid and can access incontinence supplies through the State Plan. This change requires a physician's order to be completed annually and for a certificate of medical necessity form to be completed and given to the DME provider. DME provider must be enrolled as a Medicaid provider in our state. The cap of $1345 is through the State's fiscal year. The Division would like the cap in family support program to be higher at $2250. There will be no cap on children's incontinence supplies. EPSDT covers children under 21. The goal is to have communication out by the end of this month. If the state chooses to use a single vendor, families can voice their concerns with a single vendor during the RFP process.

Darryl provided an update on LifeCourse Community of Practice meetings, discussed mental health services, family support changes, collaborating with other state agencies, and matching individuals with the level of supports they need.

Charting the LifeCourse Overview & Practical Application
Carrie Geppert shares information on Charting the LifeCourse community of practice, tools. Council members were given the opportunity to practice using the LifeCourse tools for their family.

Rhiannon announced that she will be stepping down from the council. Council members requested an Update from Darci on the Kansas City for next agenda.

Pat motions to adjourn the meeting Amber seconds the motion. All approved at 12:02PM CST.

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Rhiannon Town
Secretary