

Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 5, 2016

In Attendance:

Matt Rosen (Chair), Supervisory Quality Improvement Specialist, QMD/DDA
Bryan Chase, Director, QMD/DDA
Shirley Quarles-Owens, Supervisor, Health & Wellness Unit/DDA
Marisa Brown, Georgetown University
Joyce Maring, George Washington University
Jimi Lethbridge, Quality Trust
Winslow Woodland, Director, SPCD/DDA
Barbara Stachowiak, PCR/Liberty/DDA
Nancy Vaughn, Parent

Handouts from the Meeting

- ❖ Agenda
- ❖ Minutes from March Meeting
- ❖ Physical Therapy Evaluation Manual (updated)

Review of March 1, 2016, Minutes

- ❖ No substantive changes to the minutes.

General Updates

- ❖ Director Laura Nuss announced her resignation effective April 22.
- ❖ DDS and DHCD submitted the CMS Evidentiary Report for the ID Waiver on March 17. This is the next step in exiting the District from federal enhanced monitoring. CMS has not responded.
- ❖ DDS continues to submit Certifications of Compliance related to the *Evans* case to the Court. Next hearing will be Wednesday, April 20.

PT Manual Discussion

- ❖ With the most recent round of edits, QIC members agreed that the PT Manual is ready to be formally recommended to DDA leadership for a final review and roll out. The group recommends that the quality standards included in the PT manual be required for services to both people in the Waiver and ICFs. Liberty clinical staff would be asked to review PT assessments to ensure compliance. The group also requested that this document be reviewed and updated on an annual basis so that it reflects best practices. An email list should be compiled so that updates to the Manual can easily be disseminated. Matt will work with DDA staff to move the manual forward through the approval process.

Multiple Hospitalization Discussion

- ❖ Following a phone conversation between Matt, Shirley, Marisa and Deborah Perry, also from Georgetown University, the group discussed the idea of transitioning the discussion on reducing the number of multiple hospitalizations into a research project that would be led by Georgetown as a part of the DDA Health Initiative. Various members shared the desire for a more comprehensive analysis and understanding of what people being served by DDA are experiencing as well as the need to improve health services shortly. Georgetown agreed to send the group a research proposal for the group to review and discuss at the next meeting.

Announcements and Updates

- ❖ Joyce Maring shared that GWU is making a training video on how to accurately score the FASI (Functional Assessment Standardized Items) tool. She would appreciate QIC members help in recruiting persons with IDD who could participate in making training videos to assist personnel to score the FASI accurately. We would be looking for someone who may have some mild mobility impairment, could answer some questions likely with the help of a family member or caregiver, and perform tasks related to mobility and activities of daily living. Matt will send out an email with more information.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2016