



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY SERVICES

Improvement Committee (QIC) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

In Attendance:

Matt Rosen (Chair), Supervisory Quality Improvement Specialist, QMD/DDA
Shirley Owens-Quarrels, Health & Wellness, DDA
Matt Mason, GUCCHD
Lisa Brace, GUCCHD
Tiffani Johnson, ORA/PAU, DDA
Bryan Chase, Director, QMD/DDA
Casey Nelson, PCR/Liberty/DDA
Marc Clark, MRC, PAU, DDA
Christina Foster, Quality Trust
Barbara Stachowiak, PCR/Liberty/DDA
Corey Neils, Program Specialist, PAU, DDA

Handouts from the Meeting

- ❖ Agenda (Displayed)
- ❖ Minutes from May Meeting

Review of May 2, 2017, Minutes

- ❖ No substantive changes to the minutes.

Follow Up CPR Conversation from MRC Recommendation

- ❖ The committee continued the conversation regarding CPR based on the recommendation of the Mortality Review Committee. The group debated the possibility of a person-centered CPR or emergency plan which would provide details on how emergency situations are to be addressed by staff including the use of CPR, calling 911 and the execution of DNR orders, which could be reviewed and updated quarterly. The individual plan with other emergency plans, along with staff training, would be part of an overall emergency plan and procedure which could be made part of the ISP, HCMP, and other health-related documents. The discussion also included the impact that is changing the provider training cycles; the increase in associated costs; and implementation of new training requirements would have on the provider community. The suggestion of developing guidelines similar to those used in other states (NJ) which prescribe specific standards to ensure uniformity of skillset and training was discussed and possibly looking at any data that shows any impact of such a change in that state.





Initial DDA Nursing Conversation from MRC Recommendation

- ❖ The committee began the conversation discussing DDA's proposal to modify the service definition of In-Home Support to include nursing for certain eligible people as a part of the new waiver application. The discussion was based on a recommendation from the Mortality Review Committee (MRC), "*DDS should refer this case to the QIC to assess the inadequacy of resource distribution associated with assigning one nurse practitioner to natural homes when around 30% of people supported by DDA reside in such settings.*" The committee's discussion debated some of the logistical concerns with implementing the services which including the impact on the recruitment of qualified nursing staff and workforces availability. A key component and potential challenge raised by the committee is family preference and personal choice for the person receiving services. Another discussion ensued on the possibility of neglect allegations (based on the refusal of service(s) over identified need) and the role of Adult Protective Services (or other enforcement) in such situations. Other possible challenges involve licensing requirements vs. waiver requirements and possible inconsistency between the two. Overall the committee agreed that regardless of the final product the service's success (as with all services) will be profoundly dependent on the relationship between the service coordinator and the family receiving services. The committee will continue this conversation and explore possible strategies to the identified and potential obstacles to implementation.

Announcements and Other Updates

- ❖ Matt Rosen has accepted a position for the State of Oregon. The June QIC meeting was his last. Corey Neils will facilitate the meeting until a new Chair is identified.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at DDS.

