

Self Determination Advisory Board

May 6, 2015 Agenda

Welcome

10:00-10:05

Nancy Alterio, Chairperson and Executive Director of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission
Elin Howe, Commissioner, Department of Developmental Services

Updates From March 4th Meeting

10:05-10:20

Gail Gillespie, Department of Developmental Services

- February Progress Report on the DDS Data Repository System - emailed to committee members on March 25, and a paper copy provided today
- DDS was asked to provide a breakdown of the numbers of people enrolled in self-direction, the number of individuals who self-direct and the number of families who direct services on behalf of individuals. Of the 508 people who currently self-direct, 175 individuals self-direct, 285 families direct services on behalf of individuals, and 48 individual co-direct with their family with a goal to increase the individuals' participation in directing his/her services.
- A list of the service codes and the number of people enrolled in each code is provided today as requested at the March meeting.
- Committee members inquired about the number of individual involved in peer support. Currently there are no individuals who self-direct enrolled in Peer Support. There are 130 individuals enrolled in Community/Residential Peer Support.
- DDS was asked to provide the cost of PPL services. The FY 15 PPL contract amount is \$10,118,654 for services, and \$607,119.24 for their administrative fee. This is a point in time cost as new enrollment and changes for people enrolled are ongoing throughout the year. Adjustments to the contract to address such changes are made quarterly.
- A question was raised about the process to be used to meet the law requirement that DPPC report all instances of suspected financial abuse, mismanagement, misappropriation, or waste for people who are self-directing their services, to the State Auditor. The process developed with DPPC and DDS is as follows. DPPC will inform the DDS Director of Investigations of all allegations of financial abuse or mismanagement on a quarterly basis. The DDS Central Office maintains an up to date list of all PPL enrollees. The 2 lists will be compared to identify any alleged victims individuals participating in PPL. The DDS Director of Investigation will provide DPPC with the names of all individuals appearing on both lists. DPPC will then have all the information needed to ensure all such allegations related to individuals enrolled in PPL are provided to the State Auditor as required.
- DDS SD website is now current with material from the SDAB meetings posted and available to all. New material will be posted, and existing posts will be updated as appropriate after each meeting.

Input From Committee Members On The List Of The Work Plan "Completed Tasks" Presented At The March 4th Meeting

10:20-10:25

Mandy Chalmers, Department of Developmental Services

Self-Direction: Are We There Yet?

10:25-11:10

Val Bradley, Human Services Research Institute

Rewarding Work

11:10-11:25

Jeff Keilson, Advocates, Inc.

Massachusetts Advocates Standing Strong (MASS) Efforts On Self-Determination

11:25-11:40

Anne Fracht, Massachusetts Advocates Standing Strong

Review Of Proposed Training Module To Be Provided Annually To All DDS Staff

11:40-11:50

Mandy Chalmers, Department of Developmental Services

Future Agenda Items

11:50-11:55

- *The evaluation process for SD progress*
- *Allocating funding with flexibility as changes evolve*
- *Funding partnerships between DDS and families*

Schedule Of Upcoming Meetings

- *September 9, 2015, 10-12*
- *November 4, 2015, 10-12*

Closing

11:55-12:00

Nancy Alterio

Handouts Provided At This Meeting

- *Agenda*
- *February Progress Report on the DDS Repository*
- *List of the number of people participating in each self-direction service code*
- *Self-Determination: Are We There Yet?*
- *DDS Training power point*