

DDS Legislative Rate Study Committee - Committee Co-Chair Meeting - August 3, 2010

Present: Mary McKay, DDS; Joe Drexler, DDS; Peter Mason, DDS; Krista Pender, DDS; Janice Chamberlain; Mickey Herbst; Pat Bourne

The purpose of the meeting is to begin to draft an interim report for presentation to the full committee. It was agreed the basic report format would be: a Table of Contents, Executive Summary, and chapters by sub-committee topics for reference with corresponding documents. There would be footnotes and reference to source materials as necessary. The report will attempt to answer the following questions:

1. What is the historical payment system? - Joe and Peter

- **Status of the DDS system** (transition from public to private, census comparisons, etc.) – **Mary McKay**

2. What is the proposed payment system? – Joe and Peter

(Note: rate structure to fee for service has not yet been implemented. System is attendance –based only at this time.)

3. What is the justification for these changes? - Waiver Reg. Sub-Comm.

Medicaid waiver sub-comm. has looked at CMS requirements for uniform rates and attendance based billing. (see attached summary). CMS does not dictate attendance factor. The better question to consider is how does CT compare in the number of days off allowed rather than a focus on percentage. The committee needs further clarification/verification of collective bargaining question and its effect on rates.

4. Is the LON tool valid to measure need? – LON Sub-Comm. report

- LON committee to summarize and include changes that have occurred over time and recommendations for future.

5. What is the rationale for the attendance-based system? – Attendance sub-comm. report

- See attached summary. Committee still needs to look at “best practices” for attendance and reporting systems

6. Are current systems adequate to implement changes? – IT sub-comm. report

- See summary report
- Recommend that all systems over time should be compatible and able to “talk” to each other.
- Committee still needs to look at cost projections and recommends that the state commit funds for a matching grant for a IT system overhaul (grant would be 90% federal match)
- Committee will also consider recommendations for audit compliance and record retention.

7. Additional Questions: How to transition to new rate system (payment based on services rendered with uniform rates?)

Next meeting of the Co-chair committee is Thursday, 9/2/10 from 2:00-4:00 Location TBD (preferably at DDS in Wallingford)

The Sept. meeting of the full Committee meeting will be cancelled and rescheduled for 10/5/10. In addition to the draft report, the agenda will include updates on SEI and residential task forces.