

CCH Committee Meeting
November 14, 2012

In Attendance: Jeanine Pettinico, Catharina Ohm, Sheryl Kemp, and Mary Beth O'Neill

Cathy Veroneau has been invited to replace Mary-beth Santiesiero as a committee member

Meeting Minutes:

- Supports and Services Policy and Procedure Guide reviewed
- Provider Minimum Qualifications for Support Categories discussed and reviewed
- CCH – Shared Living Comparison Chart Reviewed, edited, and modified. Jeanine will make changes and email them out to the group.

Committee members should continue to hold the second Wednesday of each month. Jeanine booked the DDS Wallingford conference room for 2013. In the event the committee's tasks are completed early, the future meetings will be cancelled.

Catharina referenced the IRS Tax Code **Difficulty of Care Payment** which is used for Shared Living making the service tax free.

Boarding Homes must follow the regulations because they are licensed settings.

Cheryl explained that this is an opportune time to make changes to the waiver as it is coming up for renewal. Catharina brought up questions regarding subcontracting under the contract. The contract language appears to reflect that if the relationship is disclosed (subcontracting) to DDS, it would not be a problem under the contract. The committee will consult with Peter regarding adding Shared Living to the Comprehensive Waiver.

The group would like to review the RFP requirements to start a CCH Program. Three agencies were added as CCH Providers. The committee would like to discuss minimum requirements/qualifications for new providers. We must assure the safety and security of the individuals we support. The group would like to see previous residential experience or possibly a two year development period as is with other waiver services.

The group will need a cross walk of LON questions to the rate checklist. This will be effective as we are currently committed to the three rates.

Catharina is receptive to Shared Living situations becoming licensed. The group would like to have further discussion about what other barriers would exist to developing this program area.

The goals identified for this committee were reviewed including growing the program, marketing ideas, and Results Based Accountability (RBA).

Committee members will obtain copies of CT and MA waivers for Shared Living. A link to the entire Pennsylvania waiver follows. A printed copy of the Shared Living section of the waiver will be shared at the next meeting.

http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ucmprd/groups/webcontent/documents/communication/p_012897.pdf

Potential Obstacles to Establish Shared Living in Connecticut

- Subcontracting
- 20 hours of staffing for the individual in each home
- Liability of person's home being a worksite
- Title XIX payment issues. When DSS goes down, Soc. Sec, and Rent Subsidy cover reductions
- DSS has CCH as a rate for this model
- Who holds the home?
- Difficulty of Care Payments – Rent Subsidy higher than HUD rates
- Person pays 1/3, agency pays 1/3, individual, and support person. Rent subsidy payments are based on a 3 bedroom. The live in pays 1/3 of rent. Agencies cannot have one night a week person sleep on couch.

Our next meeting is December 12, 2012 at 1:00 pm in the Wallingford Office.