

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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DDS Council Monthly Report

June 2009

Meetings held and/or attended

- o June 1st -University of Hartford, Speech PT graduates re: D.D.S. consumers
- o June 3rd -North OBRA nurse
- o June 3rd -Meeting ARD West
- o June 5th -GCYD
- o June 8th -CO Utilization nurse
- o June 10th -CHRO
- o June 10th -Inspector's meeting
- o June 12th -CO Utilization nurse
- o June 12th -Affirming Action, Business Office/Contract Compliance
- o June 12th -QI Director
- o June 15th -Director of Medicaid Operations
- o June 17th -CO Utilization nurse
- o June 17th -Aging Coordinator
- o June 19th -CO EEOC Director
- o June 22nd -CO Utilization nurse
- o June 25th -CO Utilization nurse
- o June 30th -CO Utilization nurse

Concerns\ Issues

- o Skilled Nursing Facility visits (see attached SNF Report)
- 6/24/2009 visited six consumers at Adams House formerly Marathon in Torrington.
- 6/30/2009 visited three consumers at Farmington Health Center.
- Update: Consumer that I previously visited at Farmington Health Care Center in May 2008, has taken advantage of a DSS waiver (Katie Beckett waiver?) to return to the family home. I had originally inquired if other placements were being looked into due to his young age and gave long-term case manager various suggestions for moving individual into the community. As of the end of June, individual resides at home.
- Update: Received a call from a case manager and Guardian regarding an individual's dietary restrictions and the facilities' determination to place a J-tube. Spoke with Guardian who affirmed that individual did not want or need this invasive implant. Checked all doctors orders and consulted with OBRA nurse who

concluded that other less invasive options were available. Case manager e-mailed to inform me that individual was now going to day program two times a week and stated "Since your intervention on consumer's behalf she is happier and the nursing home is very receptive to all requests. We were able to transfer her to a day program two days a week that she enjoys."

- Update: During a recent visit to a nursing facility, several recommendations were made to staff for a young consumer with significant health needs. E-mailed case manager to ask if individual had any ISA funds that could be used for socialization. Individual has 1.5 hours of private hire staff to take him outside and engage in socialization & activities. Parents are happy that individual is safe and close to home.
- Update: Visited an individual who was injured prior to age 18, making him a DDS consumer via OBRA. I e-mailed the case manager requesting information concerning long-term plans, additional supports and continued education for the individual. The region has suggested that mom become conservator and enroll individual into the school district to obtain more OT/PT, speech therapy and behavioral evaluation. Ultimate goal is to apply for DDS full eligibility services. In addition, mom has the opportunity to enroll individual into the DSS waiver program.
- Received a call from mom who requested that I look into why her son was denied Autism services. Spoke with Director of Autism who contacted family and stated they needed to fill out proper documents.
- Received a call from Guardian regarding her sister who resides at STS. Guardian asked if medications that sister consumes could be reviewed and if a second opinion could be made by a neurologist. Contacted individuals at STS and asked if current medication regimen could be reviewed. Received e-mail stating that they would be in contact with Guardian to discuss this issue.

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Areas of Concern

○ Case Management -	7
○ Day Program -	4
○ Eligibility -	3
○ Funding/Budget -	9
○ Guardianship -	2
○ Health & Safety -	1
○ Information/Referral -	23
○ Placement -	7
○ Respite -	2
○ SNF oversight -	9

ISSUES/CONCERN TOTAL – 67

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