



DDS Council Monthly Report

June 2010

Meetings held and/or attended

- June 1st -Eligibility
- June 9th -CHRO meeting
- June 10th -GCYD meeting
- June 10th -QI Director
- June 14-18th -Vacation
- June 21st -ARD West
- June 23rd - QI inspectors
- June 23rd -CO Psychiatrist
- June 24th -met with Commissioner O'Meara
- June 24th -CHRO meeting LOB on Racial Profiling
- June 28th -Operations
- June 28th -ARD South
- June 30th -NW Torrington Regional Center

Concerns\ Issues

- Received a call from a mom whose daughter has been recently made eligible for DDS Services. Individual is severely medically compromised. Mom stated her daughter's medical insurance will be terminated soon due to the dad's employment situation. Mom has contacted the DDS and DSS helpline and has called numerous different state offices looking for help regarding the gap from private insurance to Medicaid. She has also applied for the Katie Beckett Waiver, but is on the wait list. Her other concern is Medicaid's ability to pay at the level of private insurance as her daughter receives 24/7 RN care (RNs have to be Pediatric Advance Life- support PAL and have ICU pediatric experience). Individual also has intense seizures as well as cardiac arrest which require resuscitation. The parents are committed to keeping the daughter in the family home, but due to the responsibility involved, the nurses who provide this care are extremely difficult to find. Referred case to the Region which stated that due to level of care and specific wants of family, it would be very difficult to continue 24/7 RN care (while at school individual receives funding from LEA for aid and PAL RN). Also, the Region will continue to research for alternatives ways to continue high level of care.
** Family is committed to keep child at home with supports but is fearful that Medicaid will not be able to fund at a level that will provide supports that are in place now.
- Received a letter from consumer's mom written entirely in Spanish and translated by assistant. Letter stated mom was concerned for her daughter's behavior. She is becoming extremely aggressive with the entire family, especially mom. Mom believes that the many medications she is currently taking are responsible for this drastic change. Mom wants her to see a behavioralist and would act like a treatment plan that does not include so many different types of medications. She suggested that her daughter be placed in a program temporarily (one weekend a month) where she can interact with others. She does not want her in a psychiatric hospital; because she believes that with continuous professional psychological help, her behavior can improve. Contacted Regional Director who has stated that they have been following this situation closely and believe they have a program that can help daughter with her aggression.

- Received a call from a dad of a consumer requesting vocational services for his daughter. He was very upset because he was allegedly told that his daughter will not receive a Case Manager for approximately 6 months to a year. Daughter is her own Guardian, I spoke to the helpline Case Manager and found out that we do have a consent form signed by the Guardian that gives permission for DDS to talk to her father. Currently she is living with her aunt and not her father. The helpline Case Manager met with her aunt and her aunt understands the need for Title XIX. The aunt was given the application and she stated that her intent is to follow through with the application process. Individual is not on Medicaid which is the current barrier to Case Manager assignment and annualized funding. A PRAT request went in but, PRAT will not be able to allocate any funding until she is receiving Medicaid.
- Received a call from a mom of a DDS consumer who stated that she needed help applying for Medicaid on behalf of her daughter and was having trouble contacting her daughter's Case Manager. Gave mom the appropriate contact information for DSS Medicaid Unit.

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Areas of Concern

- Case Management – 4
- Case Management Requests 7
- Day Program – 2
- Eligibility – 14
- Funding/Budget – 2
- Guardianship – 2
- Health & Safety – 1
- HIPAA – 3
- Information/Referral – 32
- Placement - 3

ISSUES/CONCERN TOTAL – 70