



DDS Council Monthly Report

May 2012

Meetings held and/or attended

- May 2nd -South Region, Assistant Regional Director
- May 3rd -Central Office Quality Improvement Director
- May 4th -West Region Assistant Regional Director
- May 7th -Central Office Facilities Director
- May 8th -CO Psychiatrist
- May 8th -South Region, Individual Family Supports
- May 9th -UConn Health Center
- May 9th -West Region, Regional Director
- May 9th -Commission on Human Rights, Commission Meeting
- May 10th -Council on Developmental Services meeting
- May 11th -North Region, Assistant Regional Director
- May 14th -North Region, Case Manager Supervisor
- May 14th -South Region, Regional Director
- May 18th -Governor's Coalition Scholarship Ceremony
- May 21st -West Region, Individual Family Supports
- May 22nd -Central Office, Legal Department
- May 24th -University of Hartford, Physical Therapy Graduate Students
- May 28th -South Region, Assistant Regional Director
- May 29th -West Region, Regional Director
- May 31th -Central Office, Legal

Concerns \ Issues

- Receive calls from both Yale and John Dempsey hospital regarding DDS consumers of.
Update:
Working with regional directors and central office legal staff as well as hospital administrators.
Also, met with Deputy Commissioner.
- Received call from hospital administrator seeking information regarding possible DDS consumer who is currently residing on the psychiatric ward.

Update:

Individual is not a DDS consumer. Many years ago moved out of state and then returned to Connecticut. They need to reestablish residency in Connecticut and apply for eligibility.

- Received call from hospital administrator seeking placement for individual currently residing on psychiatric floor. Called regional director and central office legal, appropriate placement is very difficult due to individual's history and behaviors.
- Received call from hospital administrator seeking placement for individual residing on psychiatric floor. Three possible placements were found but none are deemed appropriate by staff.

Update:

Working with Deputy Commissioner's office to improve communication between ombudsman's office and regional offices for certain issues i.e. hospitals

- Consumer has lost day program position. It is small state operated day programs that are being phased out. The region does not have anything similar to provide consumer. Have had several conversations with Mom and will continue to provide outreach to her.

Spoke with regional director regarding options available for individual. Regional director stated that case manager, case manager supervisor and our resource manager 2 are working on options for consumer including a revision of his LON, which may not have been completed accurately.

There are private day programs available for consumer unfortunately, individual prefers a day service option and his mother depends on the income he receives from his general worker position, which he cannot take with him to the private sector unfortunately.

Update:

Region working on issue.

Held 17th Annual Governor's Coalition for Youth with Disabilities Scholarship Ceremony May 18th at the State Capitol, Old Judiciary Room. This year we handed out 23 scholarships including a \$2500 scholarship to a DDS consumer. Dan Micari handed out the DDS scholarship in the Commissioner's stead.

Areas of Concern

○ Case Management -	8
○ Case Management Requests -	3
○ Day Program –	4
○ Eligibility -	4
○ Funding/Budget -	2
○ Guardianship –	5
○ Health & Safety –	6
○ HIPAA -	2
○ Information/Referral –	28
○ Placement –	10
○ Birth to 3-	1
○ School District services-	1
○ Autism-	2
○ ADA inquiries	(1) not counted

ISSUES/CONCERN TOTAL –76

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