



agency for persons with disabilities
State of Florida

APD PROVIDERS / SUPPORT COORDINATORS JOINT MEETING

Thursday, July 16, 2009 9:30 A.M.

401 NW 2ND AVENUE, SUITE N-1011, MIAMI, FL 33128

AGENDA ITEM	ISSUE / DISCUSSION	ACTION / FOLLOW UP
I. CALL TO ORDER	Meeting began at 9:35 a.m. Ms. Evelyn Alvarez welcomed everyone in attendance and reminded all about the Tier hearing that will begin at 12:00 pm.	
II. STATE / DISTRICT AND APD UPDATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• APD staff introduced themselves. Mrs. Maria Springer was absent while attending the month of July APD/Gallery of Dreams workshops.• Ms. Evelyn Alvarez announced our Gallery of Dreams began on July 6, 2009. The artwork from our APD consumers is being displayed and is still able to be bid upon through silent auction. A big “THANKS” goes out to all of those who contributed at last month’s provider meeting. We raised over \$100 that was used to assist in purchasing items that were needed to fund the Gallery of Dreams production. Director Jim DeBeaugrine joined us at the opening of the gallery as we greeted many artists, the families and providers. Also in attendance were representatives from the Dade Delegation County and sister agencies. We were honored to receive a proclamation from the Mayor of Miami-Dade County declaring July 6, 2009, “APD Day”, as well as a certificate of recognition from the City of Miami Commissioners. They are displayed in the lobby entrance of the APD office. While this is the official first week of the Gallery of Dreams, every Program Operations Administrator has been given the opportunity to design their week in accordance with their program area functions, provided that the events were educational and beneficial to the providers, individuals that we serve, the community and sister agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ For more information about the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, please contact Evelyn Alvarez at (305) 349-1478.

**CONTINUED STATE /
DISTRICT AND APD
UPDATE**

Unfortunately, the participation has been significantly low. I am asking that you please make sure that you inform the consumers of the activities that will be taking place for the rest of the month. There is a lot of information concerning community resources and various presentations.

- Mrs. Springer and I made a targeted outreach on July 14, 2009, where we invited our waitlist population and their families/guardians to come and meet us so that we can ensure them that they have not been forgotten and that the agency is making a diligent effort to make sure that any program changes have an equitable distribution of available resources and that we will refer them to any other community resources that are available. The turnout for this meeting was not that great either. There was a Spanish and English session and very valid questions were asked along with shared experiences. Other community advocacy groups such as Parent to Parent, Children's Medical Services (CMS) were present which allowed for resource networking and the availability of services. This meeting was the first of a series of ongoing meetings that will be taking place on a quarterly basis for those individuals who are on the waiting list. The meetings will be held within the community during non-work hours and with language appropriate interpreters service.
- Elimination of the medication reviews will become effective on October 1, 2009. Letters will be going out to families who receive those services in order to let them know of the change.
- The WSC regional meeting will take place in August or September; exact date and location has yet to be announced. I encourage you to plan to attend, as our Director and Deputy Director will be in attendance giving an overview of agency changes, vision and goals and some initiatives that are already in place. Feedback will be solicited, but please take the time to browse the website for literature that might give insight as to what is going on with the agency and how it may benefit you and your consumers. The initiatives that are taking place involve policy changes, new policies to come and your recommendations and feedback is critical.
- I-budget Florida is the official name for the individualized budget plan. We are at the preliminary stage of developing a plan together with the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) and the stakeholder community at large. The plan is due to the Governor's office and other entities no later than February 1, 2010. The goal of the I-budget

Florida initiative is to provide an equitable distribution of the available resources among our consumers based on an assessment that includes a defined process of client characteristics, a valid tool (QSI), and client choice of providers and services. The plan will include a formula(s) to predict the resource needs and establish the individual budget for the consumer. There will be a high-end consultant firm working with our agency, the stakeholders group and AHCA to develop research, data and analysis to come up with the formula and redefine this plan. There will be a recommended role for the providers and WSC's relating to the assessment process to avoid any conflict of interest. The proposal will also include a schedule of implementation and suggested statutory revisions necessary for the implementation. It is critical to have your input. There will be general forums that you can attend to give feedback and we will keep you abreast of the scheduled dates and times for these events.

- Central Office has emphasized that we inform you that any error in ABC data will result in either a loss or gain that would be unjust to the consumer. **ABC data must be accurate**, specifically, the date of birth, level of care, type of placement, the primary and secondary diagnosis. Please pay special attention to this as you will be held accountable.
- You are invited to attend the Tier public hearing workshop that will take place today. Beginning at 12:00pm – 1:00pm will be seating and registration. The formal meeting will begin at 1:00pm and could last up to 4:00pm. If you would like to make a public comment, you will need to sign-up as a speaker and will be able to speak for a minimum of 3 minutes to those issues related to the Tier Rule Amendment. We will have representation from the Program Office, Lorena Fulcher, Michael Dunn from the Legislative Affairs office and Cathy Bedell from the General Counsel's office.
- Ms. Hillary Jackson reminded how the ABC system is critical to keep maintained and updated. Please review your entire caseload to ensure that the ABC data for your consumers is accurate.
- Medication review services will be eliminated on October 1, 2009. The procedures for ending this service are forthcoming and will be shared with you upon receipt.

- At present, the 2010-2011 cost plans will not be approved per Central Office direction.
- Effective August 1, 2009, consumable medical supplies and their service plans and various procedure codes will be need to be itemized in ABC for every particular item that your consumer uses. There are approximately 141 codes. These supplies are all standardized rates.
- CDC+ will be expanding by 2,500 consumers statewide. We have received approximately 19 CDC+ consultant applications. We are still pending their enrollment. We will notify you once the applications have been approved. There will be an open enrollment for consumers, in which they will receive a letter of interest. They will need to respond to the letter by the established deadline. CDC+ enrollment is not available to those consumers living in a licensed residential facility/group home.
- Please make sure that you are sending out complete PSA submission packets. Central Office reports reflect when our Area does not send complete packets. We will be returning all incomplete packets.
- Please be reminded of the upcoming week of activities in the Gallery of Dreams. This coming Monday, there will be a DCF/Abuse Awareness training and provider participants will be able to receive 1 CU credit.

- Ms. Sharon Powell reminded all about the H1N1 virus. There have been 8 deaths in Florida. August is National Immunization month. Flu season is approaching and the flu vaccine will be available. This vaccine is not the same as the one for H1N1. People who are at risk for getting the flu are individuals over the age of 65 and children under 5 years. Getting the flu vaccine is effective in preventing hospitalization and for less severe symptoms and illnesses. Prevention is the key to remaining healthy. Wash your hands.

- Mr. Kirk Ryon thanks everyone for their support of the Gallery of Dreams and reminded that the silent auction is still going on.

- Delmarva's contract has been extended through summer 2010. They will be very involved with low score providers. On June 23-24, there was a meeting with all providers who have low Delmarva scores. Any

	<p>issues with Delmarva for low scores can be addressed on some occasions by reading the Delmarva report that is sent to you. Delmarva will also be checking the ABC data for accuracy. There were no commendation for this month and hopefully will resume for next month.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migdalia Diaz-Prado announced that the flyers will be given out for the third week of July events for the Gallery of Dreams. On July 29, the South Florida Workforce van will be here for those consumers and people in the community who wish to apply for jobs. The Goodwill Band will be here on July 31, 2009 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supported Living (SL) financial profiles have been changed to be due in the office by the 5th of the month for processing. Please review the profiles with the SL coaches before signing. Please ensure that you are visiting with the SL consumers and your continued participation is welcomed in our quarterly SL meetings. ➤ Please take and review the pamphlet for DMD. DMD is Disability Mentoring Day, which will take place on October, 21, 2009. It is a day that is utilized for mentoring for students and jobseekers. There will be community resource participation and transportation may possibly be provided. More information is forthcoming via email. • The CCDH meeting will be in the S-811 conference room in the APD office. <p style="text-align: center;">IMPORTANT:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OUR ON-CALL PHONE NUMBER IS 305-299-3366.</p>	
<p>III. ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.</p>	

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ATTENDANCE: Debbie Terenzio, Ivette Sotomayor, Mercedes Franco, Kyle Stevens, Gladys Machado, Bolatito Idowu, Cristiana Robaina, Mary Jim Martin, Monica Martinez, Maureen Winter, Paulette Leopold, Rusty Townsend, Roberto Sotolongo, Maria Roche, Mable Burger, Jackie Butler-Wilson, Lizez Luna, Isis Rivera, Karem Arredondo, Veronica Oliver, Jason Mendoza, Martine Saint Aime, Maydolis Vazquez, Monica Gomez, William Ramire, Jacques Thompson, Cherie O'Geen, Luis Rodriguez, John Mazzarella, Roberto Cuadro, Sandra Diaz-Silveira, Julia Niarchos, Marianela Wata-Wara, Ellen Bethel, Teresa Lewis, Martha Khan, Joe Mendoza, Diann Waterman, Rebecca Russell, Jean McCurie, Stacey Rodriguez, Martha Gonzalez, Iredia Idukpaye, Irene Khoury, Patricia Garcia-Montes, Theresa Evans, Brenda Lowe, Laura Vinent, Janet Santamaria, Wilma Johnson, Blanca Orozco, Jose Merida, Jackeline Contreras, Argeo Rodriguez, Roberto Pire, Xiomara Benavides, Mario Valdes, Emmanuel Orizu, Haydee Milian, Darilys Ginebra, Ubaldo Alvarez, Derrick Harley, Mayda Wiltz, Manuel Achong, Elsbeth Arce, Wayne Pollard, Desma Walker, Diana Perez, Margarita Colorado, Richard Martin, William Appleton, Maria Morales, Deborah Safko, Yolande Florestant, Carmen Suarez, Fred Jaime, Gladys Minino, Carlos Rocha, Diane Gelpi, Penny Schueneman, Penelope Parr, Janice Thurston, Kathleen Mulkey, Sonya Reese, Luis Lopez, Anibal Cabalero, Martina Osaghae, Esasumwen Osaghae, Karnine Jean-Joseph, Gabriel LeFran, Alina Jalice, Ludmila Senkevich, Pamella DeCombe, Diane Oprandi, Hugo Merino, Helene Good, Lissette Vera, Arnold Coats.