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*State of Florida*

## APD PROVIDERS / SUPPORT COORDINATORS JOINT MEETING

Thursday, December 19, 2013, 9:30 A.M.

401 NW 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE, SUITE N-1011, MIAMI, FL 33128

AGENDA ITEM	ISSUE / DISCUSSION	ACTION / FOLLOW UP
I. CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.	
II. STATE / AREA AND APD UPDATE	<p><b>**Friendly reminder:</b> This room is the DCF District Administrator's conf. room and we are very appreciative that it is made available to APD for our Provider Meetings. However, the room is only available to until about 11:30am. When we adjourn please be reminded to do so promptly, quietly and pick up all of your belongings. If you need to meet with one of your colleagues we ask that you do so in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor cafeteria. Thank you for your cooperation.</p> <p>❖ <b><u>Staff Introductions:</u></b> Hillary Jackson, Kirk Ryon, Sharon Powell, Maria Springer, Michael Cardello, Rosa Llaguno</p> <p>❖ <b><u>New Staff:</u></b> none</p> <p>❖ <b><u>New Providers:</u></b> none</p> <p>❖ <b><u>Guest Speakers:</u></b> none</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ For more information about the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, please contact Evelyn Alvarez at (305) 349-1478.</li></ul>

❖ **Ms. Evelyn Alvarez discussed the following:**

**1. Announcements:**

- Moreland Settlement training dates for FCC, client/families, providers will be sent out in the next week.
- Eligibility Determination Level of Care AHCA Delmarva clarification memo and instructions will be sent out in the next few days.
- 2014 Provider Meeting dates have been posted in the APD website.
- Employment Enhancement Plan Initiative will be a standing agenda item in future meetings, Regional progress updates will be provided
- Provider recruitment needs:
  - CDC Consultants
  - Behavior Services
  - All service provider types for Monroe County

**2. Regional Vacancy Report:**

- Clinical Workstream: hiring QSI
- QA Workstream: SHSPS Provider Enrollment
- Community Relations & Waitlist Workstream: Eligibility Determination Specialist
- Budget Workstream: No vacancies
- Waiver Workstream: Fully staffed

**3. Family Care Council:**

- Please continue recruitment efforts for the FCC various seats remain vacant.

❖ Ms. Alvarez, commended and thanked all providers and staff for their 2013 accomplishments. Wished everyone a Happy Holiday and New Year!

❖ **Mr. Kirk Ryon discussed the following:**

- Kirk Ryon discussed the 11/22/13 “Florida Medicaid “Alert for Developmental Disabilities Waiver Providers Regarding Recoupment of Overpayments” (copies available at meeting). All APD providers who receive Delmarva reviews and are responsible for recoupment citations should be aware that any future recoupment citations must be addressed promptly. In the upcoming months, the Agency will increase its efforts to ensure that providers are complying with the obligation to repay these overpayments. Failure to pay moneys due to the agencies in full, or have a written repayment in place with the Agency and comply with its terms is grounds for termination from the Medicaid Program. Mr. Ryon cautioned providers to pay close attention to the instructions for reconsideration (of recoupment citations) that are attached to the Delmarva Reviews and to be diligent about conforming to any deadlines for Plans of Remediation, Reconsideration and Recoupment. A separate email will be sent to all Southern Region providers with the Medicaid “Alert” attached.

❖ **Mr. Michael Cardello & Rosa Llaguno, Community Relations Coordinators, discussed the following:**

- Michael Cardello and Rosa Llaguno, Community Relations Coordinators, gave a Power Point presentation of “One Voice- One Force”, the agency’s initiative related to the Governor’s Executive Order 13-284.
- They reviewed the eight goals that comprise this initiative, with special emphasis on goal 3: the “Employment Enhancement Project”. This project relates to legislative funding of \$500,000 statewide in order to assist transition students who are on APD’s wait list in becoming competitively employed by June 30, 2014. \$97,500 is allotted to the Southern Region for 39 students at an average of \$2,500 per student.

❖ **Mrs. Sharon Powell-Thomas shared the following information:**

- December 1<sup>st</sup> was World AIDS Day, which is a global initiative to encourage countries and communities to take a stand against HIV/AIDS. AIDS is the final stage of HIV infection. It can take years for a person infected with HIV to reach this stage. The only way to know if you have HIV is to get tested; people can be HIV positive for years and feel healthy.
- HIV is passed from one person to another by having unprotected sex (oral, vaginal and or anal) with a person that is HIV positive; sharing needles with a person that is HIV positive; mother to child transmission during pregnancy, childbirth or breastfeeding by a HIV positive mother, or getting blood transfusion with infected blood this is extremely rare in the United States and other developed countries.
- Just a little background on the role the United States has played in controlling the spread of HIV and access to care for most people and family who are impacted by HIV. President George W. Bush made a commitment of \$15 billion over five years (2003 – 2008) to fight the global HIV/AIDS pandemic through the President' Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). The aim of the program initially was to provide treatment to 2 million HIV infected people living in resource limited settings, to prevent 7 million new infections, and to support care of 10 million people by 2010. The emphasis on treatment was to improve quality of life to those living with HIV and to reduce the spread of HIV. The impact of PEPFAR is so obvious in our society and third world country, HIV/AIDS is no longer seen as a death sentence, people are living longer, healthier life and productive life.
- One other great advocate of HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness was Nelson Mandela, he met with huge opposition when he publicly acknowledged that he was an advocate for the disease, but he continued the push. Now death from AIDS is significantly reduced in South Africa and all other African countries. We still need to continue the discussion, because HIV is to the most part no longer discriminated against or seen as a death sentence, people are no longer vigilant about preventive measures. The CDC estimated that there are over 50,000 new HIV infections every year, this is most likely due to people not getting tested and not practicing preventive sexual lifestyle.

- We are in the process of starting QSI that will be due in January 2014 for waiver clients. QSI is done every three years or more frequently for clients with significant change in their condition.

❖ **Mrs. Maria Springer reported that:**

- As part of our efforts to provide services the waitlist and waiver consumers, please see on the side table the cards with the information on the APD resource Directory. We are encouraging you to use the APD Resource Directory, in it you will find over 6,000 resources so please share these information with the families you serve.
- As far as our Priority Enrollment 2<sup>nd</sup> waive , Out of the 115 waitlist consumers that have been offered a waiver slots we have been able to assigned up to date 94 cases to wavier support coordinators, 5 have declined the offer and we are currently working on our last 16 consumers.
- On behalf of Montrese Albury, the certificates for the August & September 2013 SSWI trainings are available in the back of the room. Please pick up your certificate for compliance with Del Marva and replace the new certificate with the old one. Thank you.
- Regarding voters registration, please remember that reports are due January 2, 2014, please do not be late – too many were late last quarter. Continue to use the form that you have until I get a new form, probably in the spring, and continue registering our clients. This is an election year coming up, it is important that our clients exercise their right to vote. In the last election, the difference between disabled voters and non-disabled voters was less than 2% - statistically, this makes no difference, and close to 70% of all registered voters went to the polls. This is very important – it shows that disabled voters care the about issues and to go to the polls. So please keep doing your jobs, and register your clients. Thank you, and happy holidays.

	<p>❖ <b>Ms. Hillary Jackson shared the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthur Barndt held a training session for the waiver support coordinators as the target audience via Lync internet session regarding Moreland Amended Notices that will be issued in 2014.</li> <li>• Ms. Jackson showed waiver support coordinators how to accurately complete the AIM Worksheets for the round 2 waitlist consumers.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>IMPORTANT:</b></p> <p><b>OUR ON-CALL PHONE NUMBER IS 305-299-3366.</b></p>	
<p><b>III. ADJOURMENT</b></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.</p>	

**ATTENDANCE:** Carmen Suarez, Adeyinka Obajima, Cristina Schwarz, Derk Green, Christian Valenzuela, Ellen Bethel, Lorraine Symon, Jeanette William, Siomara El-Sabbagh, Kamicha Ferguson, Natalia Seguera, Marianela Wata-Wara, Tammie Martin, Isis Espino. Viveen Brooks, Roberto Pire, Kathleen Childs, Haydee Milian, Maria Rodriguez, Jacques Thompson, Aida Zuniga, Brian Chambus, Dora Guzman, Rene Gomez, Desma Walker, Sara Gomez-Johns, Diane Gelpi, Clara Martinez, Mario Valdes, Pedro Herrera, Carlos Rocha, Hugo Merino, Mercedes Franco, Amanda Ortiz, Gwen Walker, Sandra Mercado, Sara Diaz, Ivette Sotomayor-Adrian, Kibel Quesada, Luis Rodriguez, Gabriel LeFran, Habeebet Momon, Veronica Oliver, Gloria Fortune, Andres Pacheco, Mayda Wiltz, Jerome Silverberg, Marcos Lopez, Dionne Bartow, Manuel Achong, Martha Gonzalez, Kelly Patterson, Lissette Vera, Gloria Rodriguez, Aileen Phelan, Martine Saint-Aime, Patricia Garcia-Montes, Laura Vinent, Maria Garcia, Heilyn Gandia, Penny Schueneman, Oranguala, Inc., Sophonie Maneus, Martha Khan, Jorge Villalon, Derick Toro, Kathleen Mulkey, Christine McAniff, Gisel Prado, Cherie O’Geen, Muriel Cuadro, Martina Osaghae, Mable Burger, Blondy Moore, Chantal Meo, Sabrina Altidor, Debbie Terenzio, Vivian Omageri, James Louis, Katena Broussard, Ludmila Senkevich, Joan Lee\*, Pascale Malette\*, Mario Osegueda\*, Cristian Robaina\*, Wilma Johnson\*, Nefitali Pernas\*, Judith Rodriguez\*, Katie Perdomo\*, Kristen Palanza\*, Jeanne Pierre\*, Feguener Jean-Baptiste\*, Eartha Fagan\*, Angel Quintan\*, Isabel Cruz\*.

\* Denotes tardiness of more than 15 minutes