



agency for persons with disabilities
State of Florida

APD Southern Region PROVIDER MEETING
Thursday, September 18, 2011 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	<p>Meeting began at 9:40 a.m. Evelyn Alvarez, Regional Operations Manager introduced herself and welcomed participants, requested that all phones be silenced to avoid interruptions. Monroe County Providers participated via conference call. Monroe County identified themselves: Diana Flenard, from MARC , Neal from MARC and Barbara.</p> <p>Management staff introductions: Kirk Ryon, Maria Linares, Roland Vializ & Martine Saint-Aime on behalf of Hillary Jackson who is on leave. Key staff: Michael Cardello, Rosa Llaguno.</p> <p>Friendly reminder: This room is the DCF Regional Administrator's conference 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 pickup all of your belongings. If you need to meet with one of your colleagues we ask that you do so in the 4th floor cafeteria. Thank you for your cooperation</p> <p>New Staff Announcements: none</p> <p>New Provider Announcements: Guillermo Valencia provide ADT and Personal Supports; Right Way Health Care Agency provide Nursing and LPN services.</p> <p>Guest Speakers: none</p>	

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Agency Update:

iBudget-As you may be aware the Courts determined the iBudget Rule to invalid.

- Protecting the health and safety of the customers the agency serves is the top priority of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- APD filed an iBudget emergency rule on September 3
- The iBudget emergency rule is in effect for 90 days
- The iBudget emergency rule allows APD to authorize an algorithm amount for people coming onto the Medicaid waiver like individuals in crisis, those moving from the waiting list to the waiver, and dependents of military families that are transferred to Florida
- The iBudget emergency rule authorizes the agency to increase iBudget amounts for 14,000 individuals to their algorithm amount
- Letters have been mailed to the 14,000 APD customers, and/or their guardians, who will receive an increase to their iBudget amount
- Waiver Support Coordinators have been notified about the iBudget increases
- The iBudget amount increases are effective as of August 1
- No APD customer will have their iBudget amount lowered as a result of this emergency rule
- APD customers should work with their Waiver Support Coordinator to determine if any new services are needed and to add them to their cost plans
- Handbook rules apply to the new iBudget amounts

- We will continue business as usual for now
- Supplemental Funding Request (SFR) is no longer a term being used. The new terminology replacing SFR is Significant Additional Needs (SAN) Requests.
- AIM is to be completed for only new enrollees
- State Office will be conducting training for WSC in the near future.
- Several documents i.e. Business Process for Significant Additional Needs Funding Request and a WSC Guide are in Draft and will be shared with you once finalized.
- On or about 9/4/14 an email was sent to WSC with the link to where the iBudget emergency rule

- For more information about the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, please contact Evelyn Alvarez at (305) 349-1478.

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FCC:

- Please let clients, families know that SR has FCC seats that are vacant. Earlier this year Gov Scott signed legislation to expand the membership to now include grandparents,

Announcements/Reminders:

- September 18th, from 3:00 - 4:00 EST the agency will be holding a Housing and Service Delivery Initiatives meeting to look at the areas of Dual Diagnosis/Intensive Behavioral Services, Alzheimer's and Aging Caregivers, and Forensic needs. A call-in number and meeting location information are provided in the public notice. Please visit the apd website for more information.
- The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) has filed an administrative complaint seeking a moratorium that prohibits any new residents from being served at Carlton Palms Educational Center in Lake County. To learn more, visit the APD website news release.
- Florida is the first state in the country to offer Medicaid waiver services to active military families deployed from other states where they were already receiving services.
- APD Staff and Service Providers are mandated Reporters of Abuse Neglect and Abandonment. 180096ABUSE, visit apdcares.org website go to link or visit <https://reportabuse.dcf.state.fl.us/> to make online report. Call Regional Office for further assistance with needing to make a special conditions report and possibly escalate concern to DCF Regional Circuit Administrator. Always document your efforts.
- Please report suspected Medicaid Fraud to:
<http://www.flgov.com/report-waste-fraud-and-abuse-in-state-government-1/>

Clarifications:

- Ms. Alvarez clarified waitlist categories 1-7.
- Ms. Alvarez and Mr. Ryan clarified Licensed Care facilities Extensive Level 1 & 2 Services.

Acknowledgement: Gloria Rodriguez, WSC AGAPE commended Kamicha Ferguson and Martha Gavia for their excellent work, responsiveness assistance to the WSC.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Kirk Ryon discussed the continued positive reports from Delmarva Foundation with regard to the Provider Determination Reviews in Southern Region over the past month. Mr. Ryon noted that there continue to be a significant percentage of high scoring providers, many achieving 100% on their reviews. Mr. Ryon read the names of the providers who have scored 100% over the last year and congratulated these providers for their hard work. • Mr. Kirk Ryon discussed recent changes to 65G2.012, the APD Licensing Rule and concurrent changes to the application, licensing tool and monitoring tools. Mr. Ryon noted that due to so many changes in such a short time there has been some confusion among providers as well as issues with the understanding of all of the changes among APD staff. • Mr. Ryon noted that several documents concerning the changes have been sent out to residential providers via email including a copy of the new law, a list of required changes and questions and answers about the new law. Mr. Ryon asked that providers please read all of these documents carefully as well as the application for licensure (or re-licensure) carefully. If anyone has any questions concerning the new licensing changes, they may contact Mr. Ryon directly at 305-377-7436. 	
	<p>Mrs. Saint-Aime mentioned that the Southern Region has 190 consumers identified to be enrolled as part of round 4 the waitlist to waiver. If you are a new support coordinator and you're unfamiliar with this process please refer to emails that I previously shared with you. Additionally, contact our office if you are uncertain how to proceed. In addition to that the AIM Worksheet was update and the update form is effective to be use immediately. This information was emailed.</p> <p>Cost plan/ABC Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Saint-Aime stated to please continue to maintain ACLM 1-3. Many of you received an email from our office regarding rejected cost plan due to client ineligibility. Many of responded with different scenario to why cost plan was in rejected status. 	<p>4</p>

We encourage you to become more familiar with Ibudget and learn how to run report to detect consumer status. Please contact Maxine Johnson on any case closer issues where consumer appear active on your caseload.

CDC+ :

- Mrs. Saint-Aime specified to consultants to please be advised that new applications will be sent directly from your to the APD State Office. It is no longer being processed by the Regional local offices. For your consumers who received the recent budget increased. The new budget is added to saving and all consultant should have received the calculation worksheet.

Request of new or increase of and existing service:

- Mrs. Saint-Aime stated that for consumers with recent budget increase, if you are adjusting the consumers current 14-15 cost plan, be sure to prorate the new service request for this fiscal year 14-15 and annualized the service request for the 15-16 cost plan year. In addition, if the new budget increase will not cover the new service request for the entire 15-16 cost plan year, you may need to submit an SAN/SFR.

III. ADJOURMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Charlie Minino, Luis Rodriguez , Christina Swarchz, Marie Jeune, Dionne Barton, Preston Brock, Veronica Oliver, Wilma Johnson, Martha Gonzalez, Gladys Minino, Karina Gomez, Cynthia Gay, Kathleen Mulkay, Laurel Notice, Roberto Pire, Gladys Jackson, Dora Guzman, Mayeliaa Armas, Mario Neira, Martha Rivera, Gloria Rodriguez, Sara Cartaya, Euthera Neal, Aleyda Blanco, Mable Burger, Pedro Herrera, Eviluina Dothis, Mark Gordon, Hany Lopez, Kathleen Childs, Marianela Wata-Wara, Mercedes Franco, Martine Saint-Aime, Hames, Lucas, Jose Lopez, Pascale Malette, Nayza Hernandez, Laura Vinent, Sandra Mercado, Travis Davis, Mario Osegueda, Nimrode Toussaint, Sherrie Dadulla, Tammie Martin, Diane Gelpi, Ivette Sotomator, Jacki Butelr Wilson, Owen Walker, Sandra Moreau, Guillermo Valencia, Andres Pacheco, Muriel Cuadro, Arnold Coats, Janet Batet, Ellen Bethel, Kamicha Ferguson, Nereida Babilonia, Rene Gomez, Gloria Fortune, Gloria Rose, Carol Thomas, Manuel Achong, Karen Knoblock, Twanna Thomas, Josephine Livingstone, Audrey Lawrence

* Denotes tardiness of more than 15 minutes

*None identified