

HCBS Stakeholder Meeting Notes

March 28, 2016

10:00 AM

Nebraska State Office Building (NSOB)– Lower Level A

Joanna Swanson, Head of Direct Sales at First National Bank of Omaha

Agenda item: Enable Presentation **Presenters:** Amelis Long, Enable Outreach Specialist

- First National Bank was awarded the Achieving Better Life Experience Act (ABLE) contract in 2015
- Anticipated launch date for the program is early summer.
- For more information please check the website <http://enablenebraska.com>

Agenda item: DHHS Division Updates

- **Division of Developmental Disabilities, Lori Harder**
 - Megan Gumbel, New BSDC CEO was introduced stakeholders.
 - Currently on target for waiver submission. CMS is pushing us to move faster anywhere we can.
 - 90 day continuance was accepted by CMS for the waivers, do not need to request again until June.
 - Lori Harder expressed gratitude to all of the individuals that have been participated in the workgroups. If anyone is interested in still participating in any of the workgroups information is available online:
<http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/MedicaidWaiverInitiative/Pages/Home.aspx>
- **Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care, Julie Gillmor**
 - Heritage Health is on target for a beginning date of January 1, 2017 and will provide Medicaid clients the opportunity to choose a health plan with an integrated package of health services and benefits. Intent to award to Nebraska Total Care, United Healthcare, and Wellcare was posted on March 8. Currently, charters for advisory groups are being drafted.
 - MLTC is in the process of renewing the Waiver for Aged and Adults and Children with Disabilities. It is currently in the public comment period. Once approved by CMS, the waiver will renew for 5 years. A summary of changes is available on the DHHS Medicaid Home and Community Services webpage <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/hcs.aspx>.
 - MLTC is procuring a consultant with national experience and expertise to assess delivery of long-term services and supports. Proposals are due in mid-April. The consultant will engage stakeholders in late summer and draft recommendations prior to the end of this calendar year. More information is available on the DHHS Medicaid Long-Term Services and Supports redesign webpage http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/medicaid_LTSS.aspx.
- **Division of Behavioral Health, Mikayla Kuhlen**
 - Has recently hired a new staff person dedicated to completing Pre-Admission Screen and Resident Reviews (PASRR). This person starts 4/4/16. PASRR's are federally required to be completed on anyone entering Nursing Facility.
 - Currently working on our Bridge Strategic Work Plan which is on target for completion at the end of 2016.
 - DBH had been working with Orion and H4 to build and provide support for a Centralized Data System to meet the needs of DHHS DBH and our Nebraska Behavioral Health System. The system provides increased automation in authorization of services and billing reconciliations which will positively impact the time needed to obtain approval for authorized services, minimize burden on providers, and decrease time required to prepare

and submit requests for payment. The go live date for the Centralized Data System will be happening soon.

- **Division of Child and Family Services, Vicki Maca**
 - If you have any issues or questions regarding a state ward receiving supports in school, please contact Tricia Kingsley, Program Specialist via email at tricia.kingsley@nebraska.gov or call 402-471-8466.
 - Vicki asked stakeholder for topics of interest they would like CFS to bring to future meeting. Topics discussed included:
 - Transition from Education to Adult Services.
 - Adult Protective Services (APS) and how the process works.
 - Economic Assistance and how services may be effected by Able Accounts or changes in income.
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Agenda item: Workgroup Updates

- Workgroup information, including agendas and meeting minutes are available online at: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/MedicaidWaiverInitiative/Pages/Home.aspx>
- Service Definitions – Kaylene Finney & Pam Hovis
 - This workgroup is reviewing the CMS Waiver and Nebraska DDD Services definitions.
 - Workgroup was spit up into subcommittees, so far the subcommittees have presented to the whole group on: Residential Services, Extended Family Home's, Respite, Home Modifications, Vehicle Modifications, Assistive Technology and Supports
 - Expect to discuss Day Services at the meeting.
 - Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 29, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM, Collaborative Industries, 5701 Thompson Creek Blvd, Lincoln
- Quality Improvement – Sue Spitzer
 - The group is currently reviewing sub-assurances of the waiver.
 - The next topic to be discussed will be to personal service survey.
 - Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 30, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM, Integrated Life Choices, 6800 Normal Blvd, Lincoln
- Health & Safety – Bernie Hascall
 - 40 individuals have participated in this workgroup.
 - The group has completed their review of the CMS questions specific to Health and Safety.
 - Group is currently reviewing Appendix G and reviewing data regarding restraint use in Nebraska.
 - Next Meeting: Thursday, March 31, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM, NSOB Lower Level F
- Prioritization & Wait List – Bernie Hascall
 - 39 individuals have participated in this workgroup
 - The group has reviewed the current waiver language and the waitlist times and numbers.
 - At the next meeting this group hopes to define populations, such as Pilot Project individuals, Priority Status, Court Ordered Custody, and Graduates.
 - Next Meeting: Friday, April 1, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM NSOB, Lower Level F
- Provider Enrollment – Kim McFarland & Dave Barrett
 - 23 individuals have participated in this workgroup
 - CMS Informal Waiver Review questions have been reviewed.
 - Group has discussed both Specialized provider contracts/agreements and the non-specialized provider enrollment process.
 - April 1 Meeting canceled. Initial task has been completed. Workgroup will resume to work on making provider enrollment and contracting process more easily accessible.
- Application & Eligibility – Ladonna Shippen & Pam Hovis
 - 53 individuals have participated in the workgroup so far
 - Working on getting a PDF fillable application on the website

- August 2016 is the expected release date for the new application to be integrated on AccessNebraska.
 - The workgroup has reviewed all CMS questions relating to Application and Eligibility
 - Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 30, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, NSOB, Lower Level A
 - Person Centered Planning – Bernie Hascall
 - 60 individuals have participated with this workgroup
 - Workgroup is halfway through Appendix D.
 - Next Meeting: Thursday, March 31, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM, NSOB, Lower Level A
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Agenda item: HCBS State Transition Plan Presentation & Public Comments

- The Nebraska State Transition Plan & the HCBS State Transition Plan Presentation are posted to the DHHS website at: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Transition.aspx>

Other Information

Next Meeting:

April 26, 2016

10:00 AM – 12:00

Lower Level D, Nebraska State Office Building