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Budget Authority Workgroup Agenda

1. Welcome

Todd Koopmans, Sheryl Kuenzer, Jan Lampman, Angela Martin, Sue Stone, Stephanie Laird, Melissa Frash, Heather Hallett, Courtney Trunk, Tedra Jackson, Rosalie Austin, Sheryl Stumbaugh, Laura Demeuse, Danielle Gorney



Jan's question was whether we had turned on our heat yet.

2. Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN)

Summit Pointe (Battle Creek) is a possibility too, yay! They have a new S-D Coordinator, Andi Gummer. Jill will check in with Marie.



- One-time available respite money discussion. They must be in CHAMPS. Doesn't have to be adult day care but must be CHAMPS approved. Need more information!
- Stagger the start of two places!
- DWIHN's going to be a big team compared to Summit Pointe. Need a letter of commitment from leadership.

- Jill sent the application for Summit Pointe to Laura and Marie. Marie said that while the S-D Coordinator and her supervisor are on board, they are still working on leadership.

From Jan: LRE (Lakeshore Regional Entity – over on the west side of the state) is encouraging folks to do self-directed services due to staffing crisis. **We need to keep an eye on this!**

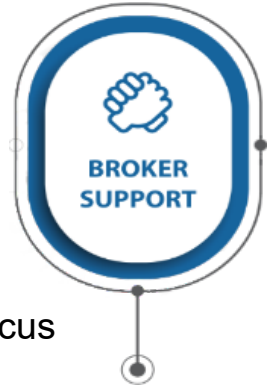
3. Meeting with DD Council Program Committee



- The presentation shared our history (Jill will send the PowerPoint presentation), our process and surveys, updates, the 10 recommendations and the proposed strategy to fix the issues, with examples and links to other states.
- The presentation was received well, they had great questions
- Tedra heard good things, they liked the depth of our research, but it was not discussed at the Program Committee meeting yesterday.
 - The DD Council is in the process of putting together another report for the Department about issues that need work. Our work will be combined with that.
 - We will wait to send recommendations to survey folks until everything's public.
- Jill sent the big document to Tedra to send to the Program Committee after the meeting.
- Send information recommendations, PPT, longer document to Rosalie, Sue, Danielle!!!!
- We are keeping our work confidential until they are public – Vegas rules! We don't want people to get incomplete information.

4. Support Broker Draft

- **DDPIT** (DD Program Improvement Team)? Tedra, Marie, Angela, & Laura attend the meetings.
 - ✓ The group is supposed to be providing direction for policy/practice. They mostly just give feedback and get updates. Today's (10-9-24) meeting will focus on purpose of DDPIT.
 - ✓ We're not really sure that DDPIT is the place to take our support broker document. More will be known after today's meeting.
- Ottawa's Advisory Group is working on a Support Broker policy now. They want to prevent duplication and are working on a document for families to use.
 - ✓ Ottawa used the slides from other states as they put their Support Broker information together!
 - ✓ They are looking at a Support Broker job description, duties, and contract.
 - ✓ Sue will check to see if she can share their work at our next meeting. Thank you!
 - ✓ Ottawa just hired their fourth Broker! It was difficult.
- There was a broker presentation at the S-D Conference. They can really be a help for Support Coordinators/Case Managers.
- In New York brokers are used all the time. They basically help people through the whole S-D process. In another state (maybe Wyoming) brokers are required.



5. MDHHS – Laura

- **EVV** (Electronic Visit Verification) – As of Monday it is ready to go, and people are supposed to be using it. It's probably not happening in most places. There are loads of issues the Department is trying to work through.
 - ✓ Sheryl's (Home Help) caregiver has put information into system but hasn't received a password yet. She even met with the case worker to get some help.
 - ✓ They have until January to get the new system worked out – not talking about Home Help.
 - ✓ We are in a training and practice stage for behavioral health (doesn't include Home Help).
 - ✓ Is there a contact number for someone at Home Help? Sheryl S. met with caseworker to try and figure out her situation. The worker needs a provider ID. You can't use the app without it. Is there somewhere to get copy of policy. They are using tracking. For example, Sheryl S. gets 10 minutes transportation to grocery store. They verify she went. Laura doesn't know if something changed with Home Help. Sheryl's worker is going to resign if she's tracked.
 - ✓ <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/assistance-programs/medicaid/portalhome/electronic-visit-verification> Here's the policy on the website from Angela. It's not everything.



- ✓ The app wouldn't let Sheryl's mom (she doesn't live with Sheryl) sign in more than once per day.

- ✓ HHAX – Home Help something Exchange is the EVV provider. Are they being paid for tracking? They do use GPS, and it isn't supposed to be used for anything other than signing in and signing out. Home Help's different – Laura will follow-up.



- **Design Team Update**

- ✓ They sent a survey sent out about training. They basically wanted to know what people (across all departments) have experienced when hiring folks. Looking to see if there is a number of trainings that are helpful or not. Got a good response, but are missing some counties. They want to make sure all surveys are sent back. Sending separate surveys now – one for MiChoice, one for behavioral health, etc.



- ✓ Looking at standardizing FMS (Financial Management Services) contracts. Trying to make them similar.
- ✓ Laura applied for and approved for ASD (Applied Self-Direction) technical assistance for budget authority. She hasn't heard yet if she can bring friends. It's for five weeks. The first meeting is tomorrow.
- ✓ No recordings of Self-Determination conference. Handouts aren't accessible now either. Laura could

probably get something to you. Maybe Chirs Ward can turn back on. **It is all fixed now!**

- **Anything New?**

- ✓ Life in self-directed services land is rough right now.
- ✓ Will the technical guidance for self-directed services be part of CMH (Community Mental Health) contracts? The technical guidance is referenced many times in waiver language.
- ✓ PIHPs have made resolutions as a sign of protest in the past. There's a difference between protests and not signing their contract. What fun! Go figure... PIHPs are being encouraged not to sign their contracts. This is also Waskul settlement and conflict-free related. Last I heard, seven PIHPs have not signed their contracts.



6. Other

- Earned sick time act begins after the first of the year plus minimum wage is going up. It must be \$3.40 on top of the minimum. An L letter was sent, it wasn't specific to self-directed services. Lots of CMHs pretend self-directed services are different.

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Future Meeting Dates

- **11/13/24**
- **12/11/24**
- **01/08/25**
- **02/12/25**
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