

Personal Assistance Oversight Committee Minutes

September 14, 2011

1:00PM – 2:00PM (MST) 12:00 – 1:00PM (PT)

This meeting was a telephone conference call. See attached sign in sheet for attendees.

AGENDA ITEM	LEAD	Time	DECISIONS/ACTION ITEMS
OLD BUSINESS			
<p>Welcome - Introductions Read and approve minutes from June 15, 2011. (Attachment) Report on one Action Item from the 6/15/11.</p>	<p>Natalie Peterson</p>	<p>1:00 1:10</p>	<p>Minutes from the June 15, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Ruth motioned and Aaron seconded that the minutes be approved as written.</p> <p>Action Item from June 15, 2011 will be reported on by Melanie Belnap (below).</p>
PLANNING			
<p>PAO Committee Composition (Attachment)</p>	<p>Natalie Peterson</p>	<p>1:10 1:15</p>	<p>Current vacancies as of 9/14/11 are for Participant members - 1 Northern Hub and 1 Participant-At-Large. No nominations were received prior to this meeting. Kent will be presenting a nomination for the northern Hub prior to the next meeting.</p>
<p>Workers with Disabilities</p>	<p>Kathy McGill Self Reliance</p>	<p>1:15 1:30</p>	<p>Medicaid for Workers program with disabilities started about 5 yrs ago - Kathy reviewed eligibility requirements. Participants have to meet Social Security disability criteria. There are income and asset limitations and participant must be currently working for pay. Kathy invited participants to contact her with specific questions. See handouts.</p> <p>For additional information go to “Keys to Access” Work Training for People With Disabilities coordinated with Disability Rights of Idaho and Disability Action Centers – Mary Jo added that participants can contact the Disability Rights of Idaho at any time with questions regarding Medicaid Workers With Disabilities, Miller Trust, etc.</p> <p>Workshop information shared prior to the meeting and attached for your reference.</p>
<p>Respite Care</p>	<p>Eddy Houser</p>	<p>1:30 1:40</p>	<p>Respite Care in a CFH and how it is authorized in the UAI. Community incidents have brought to attention the need for someone to stay with the participant when CFH provider is not available – this would cut down on emergency calls and improve quality-independence of participant. How can we better deal with these situations?</p> <p>On the HCBS Waiver we do have respite care for unpaid care givers – if a caregiver needs respite Medicaid can approve. In CFH arena the provider has the opportunity to have a substitute care giver. CMS has rules and regulations that we cannot pay for duplicate services. When the Nurse Reviewer is assessing each individual those are opportunities for input and feedback from the participant as to their needs. During Annual Redetermination process make sure that the Nurse is aware of your needs. Great dialogue. Issues to look at when reviewing UAI – see Melanie workgroup below.</p>
MONITORING			
<p>Update on Idaho State Independent Living Council Medicaid Infrastructure (MIG) Grant</p>	<p>Dana Gover</p>	<p>1:40 1:45</p>	<p>In the absence of MIG Director, Monique Johns, Dana gave update on MIG current projects. As part of the MIG Grant, Director, Monique Johns furnishes stats on the number of people that are on the program. Contact Monique @ 334-3800 for quarterly summaries and white papers. Dana has been working extensively with the MIG PAS program which allows Self Directing Participants’ to hire, educate and manage their personal assistants. Results of the PAS survey</p>

			<i>are in and Dana is working on a presentation of the results. Dana will do presentation at our December 14th meeting.</i>
RECOMMENDATIONS			
<i>To form a work group to review/evaluate the Uniform Assessment Instrument (UAI). This Recommendation will be presented to the MCAC at the next meeting scheduled for July 20, 2011.</i>	<i>Melanie Belnap</i>	<i>1:45 1:55</i>	MCAC Approved recommendation on 7/20/11. <i>The PAO requested that the MCAC authorize a interdisciplinary team to be formed consisting of 3 providers, 3 participants and 3 staff to look at UAI and other assessments that may be available to recommend improvement to the assessment process. Melanie will facilitate that group. Participants volunteering to serve on this workgroup are: Eddie Houser, Aaron Thain, Jason McKinley and Dana Gover volunteered to serve on this team. Melanie will be contacting you.</i>
ADJOURN		2:00	Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011

2011 Meeting Dates: September 14, 2011 and December 14, 2010. All meetings will be held on Wednesday and meeting times will be from 1-3 PM (Mountain Time). These meetings will be scheduled as video conferences in local offices 1- CDA, 2 -Lewiston, 5 - Twin Falls, 6- Pocatello and 7 - Idaho Falls.