

THE EXCELLENCE NETWORK

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**IGNITING AND FUELING A PASSION FOR LIVING
LIFE TO THE FULLEST THROUGH LEARNING,
INNOVATION AND COLLABORATION**



Meeting Minutes

8/11/17

Hosted by KICKS at E.S. Weiant Center

- **Old Business/Updates**

- SPARK's Community Connections- no one has yet helped anyone volunteer at one of these events
- Hartford Fair – Several Providers helped man the CB booth

- **New Business**

- Together We Grow Gardens- discussion with Mary Barry & Pam Roberts, TWG staff. Please see the attached info. for details.
- OUTCOMES & ISPs: best practice suggestions- *SCs being told to expect early input! Is appreciated.*
 - Email your ISP input to SC 90 days before annual span end, inquire re: mtg.
 - Follow up w/ SC 30 days out, cc Kristen & Abby
 - 14 days out, cc both again
 - ❖ old Outcomes will be de-activated in IS; only current and last year's should show in current ISP
 - ❖ request that SCs advance ISP from Draft so that Providers can view it in the IS
 - ❖ Let Providers know where updates are located in new ISPs and addendums
- CMS Setting Rule info. - discussion re: the info. on the back of this agenda
 - Looking at least restrictive setting.
 - Do people attending ADS have need for these specific services?
 - ❖ Mary Spain: KICKS explained how their Mediciad survey went. They are the 1st local agency to be surveyed.
- Direct Support Professionals marketing- commercials & billboards now available!
- GED waiver Pilot for Licking County- agencies able to request a "blanket" waiver rather than a waiver for individual hires who are working towards their GED or equivalent
- Ohio Means Jobs looking for placements for work experience candidates- May be a great way to introduce more people to the field. OMJ pays their wage. Info. is attached.

- **Miscellaneous**

- Vacations- include entire team in planning who's paying for what. Anyone w/ shared staffing affects everyone in the household. Funding may not be available to pay for staff at home and "on the road."
- UIRs and SC notification- notifying "UIR reporting" does not notify the SC.
- Interest in collaboration around Transportation? *Yes, several agencies interested in discussing*

- Non-compete clauses & effect on recruitment- *local agencies have clauses prohibiting opening a competing agency and pressuring individuals served to switch providers, but not the employee themselves working for a competitor*
- APSI- Providers request consent before treatment & send documentation afterwards
- Be aware of taking large groups into community and how conspicuous this is
- From Center for Disability Services-
 - Nursing NQAR and proposed new rules, self-assessment per med.
 - Catholic Social Services payeeships
 - Muskingum Co. Nurse trainer
- Providers open to allowing CB staff to shadow their staff-*David will be the go-between as needed.*

Next Mtg. - Sept. 15th at Licking County Aging Program
 Bring ISP checklist examples & Outcomes you have questions about to discuss

CMS Settings Rule info. from DODD Provider Standards & Review

From an OPRA Policy mtg. on June 19th, 2017

Guest Speakers: Kelly Miller, Deputy Director, and Lisa M. Ahlersmeyer, Manager, Office of Provider Standards & Review (OPSR)

Providers will experience a settings evaluation as part of the usual compliance review process now. During the review, the reviewers will be evaluating the setting of HCBS services. Each setting will be evaluated for location (is it near, adjacent to public facility/institution? Does it have institutional qualities? Does it have isolating qualities?) In addition, they will be reviewing each individual's plan which must clearly outline what is important to them with specific outcomes that the day program should be working towards. The day program and all staff should be able to demonstrate that each individual's plan, choices, and outcomes are being attained. The person centered planning process is crucial so that the plan is clear on expected outcomes, including what is important to the individual and what they want to do. County boards may also be cited during settings reviews.

Red flags of things to evaluate further: large amount of individuals going to large buildings that are next to facility, or county board previously owned; groups of people going to the same place-same vehicle-same staff-no choice; caution when one large calendar posted for activity/outings saying "TODAY'S outing is BOWLING."; activities being scheduled in community when the business is closed to the broader community; many people with the same outcomes identified; discovery process should not be a long-term thing---appropriate for a short term-when identify interests should move to implementation

POSITIVE EXAMPLES: individual plan clearly indicates gardening as outcome-day program starts garden at location-individual assists and learns gardening; join community Garden club doing plant sharing with community members, visiting community gardens and inviting those from community to come visit day program garden....etc.... Individual outcome to learn to play board games to connect more with people---Chess club starts at day program where individuals learn to play and then join community Chess Club every week with community members.

FACTORS TO CONSIDER: Person centered planning by the TEAM must include clear outcomes that promote community integration per the individual's choice. This includes evaluating the resources needed to make this happen (staffing, acuity, vehicles, mileage, etc.). Many providers have had to redo their strategic plan to address these initiatives.

7/31/17 e-mail excerpt from another County Board-" ... Speaking with our COG they have seen an increase of *focus* on Outcomes, and meeting the review and monitoring indicated in the Outcome; related, looking at what the Team is defining as their evidence for progress or status of the Outcome and that evidences is available for review...."