



NC Department of Health and Human Services

# DHHS I/DD Stakeholder Workgroup Meeting

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# Agenda

- Online Meeting Guidelines
- Public Feedback & Engagement
- DHHS I/DD Stakeholder Workgroup Charter
  - Membership & Hellos!
- Establishing a Shared Vision
- Next Meeting Planning
- 2021 Meeting Schedule
- Questions & Feedback

# Online Meeting Guidelines

- Please Mute Yourself When Not Speaking
- Active Listening and Discussion
  - Please Use Raise Hand Feature.
  - Workgroup Members on the Phone will be Periodically Asked if They Have Feedback.
- Solution-Focused Objective
- *For meetings in excess of an hour, we will provide a planned 5-minute break at or near the beginning of each hour.*

# Public Feedback & Engagement

- We Encourage the Use of the Chat/Question Feature for Members of the Public
  - Feedback will be synthesized, and an overview will be provided to workgroup members.
- We will attempt to answer as many questions during the meeting.

# DHHS I/DD Stakeholder Workgroup Charter

- **Purpose**

- The workgroup is responsible for researching, recommending, and providing support/guidance for future implementation of best or promising practices to meet the needs of Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities. This includes reviewing, planning, improving and/or establishing services and supports for this population. This workgroup will be composed of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from DHHS and DPI.
- The workgroup will work collaboratively with a shared vision and planning.

# Workgroup Charter Continued...

- **Duration & Time Commitment**

- The workgroup will meet quarterly for a minimum of 1 hour. The meeting purpose/charter will be reassessed annually in July of each year. Additional meetings may be called as needed.

# Workgroup Charter Continued...

- **Scope**

- To present evidence-based, evidence informed and promising practices to a group of community stakeholders with the shared interest of supporting the I/DD community in NC. Items presented will include, but not be limited to, Medicaid and state-funded service definitions, waiver updates, I/DD survey data, strategic planning, etc. The workgroup will be responsible for providing valuable feedback with supporting evidence to support the Department in making informed decisions around the I/DD service delivery system in NC.

# Workgroup Charter Continued...

- **Reporting Plan**

- Final decisions/recommendations will be made by the Workgroup Leads outside of the meeting based on feedback received. Decisions will be brought back to the workgroup for their awareness. Meeting minutes will be maintained and provided to workgroup members and workgroup advisors.

# Workgroup Membership

- Introduction of State Staff
- Answer the following question (Workgroup Members-your question is different):
  - If you had a time machine, would go back in time or into the future?

# Workgroup Membership Continued...

Position	Agency/Entity/ Representation	Individual (s)
<b>State Staff</b>		
<b>LEAD:</b> IDD Manager or designee	<b>NC Medicaid</b>	Kenneth Bausell
<b>Co-LEAD:</b> IDD Team Lead or designee	<b>DMH/DD/SAS</b>	LaToya Chancey
Developmental Center Program Manager	<b>DSOHF</b>	Katie Visconti (Monica Harrelson-backup)
Executive Director or designee	<b>NCCDD</b>	Talley Wells
CAP-C Program Staff	<b>NC Medicaid</b>	OPEN
CAP-DA Program Staff	<b>NC Medicaid</b>	Patricia Hill
Chief of Employment Services and Program Development	<b>DVRS</b>	Alice Farrar
Special Education Representative	<b>DPI</b>	Sherry Thomas/Kellyann Breest
Early Intervention	<b>DPH</b>	OPEN
Children and Youth Branch	<b>DPH</b>	Lauren Howard

# Workgroup Membership Continued...

Position	Agency/Entity/ Representation	Individual (s)
<b>Workgroup Advisors</b>		
Behavioral Health Unit Manager	<b>NC Medicaid</b>	Deb Goda
IDD & TBI Section Chief	<b>DMH/DD/SAS</b>	Mya Lewis
LTSS Unit Manager	<b>NC Medicaid</b>	Wrenia Bratts Brown
Assistant Director, Developmental Centers	<b>DSOHF</b>	Niki Ashmont
Assistant General Counsel	<b>DHHS</b>	Pam Scott

# Membership & Establishing a Shared Vision

- When Your Name is Called:
  - Please Turn on Your Camera (if able to) AND
  - Summarize One Issue in 2-3 Words You Would Like This Workgroup to Address
    - It is Okay to *Pass*

# Workgroup Community Membership

Position	Agency/Entity/Representation	Individual (s)
	State Staff	
	Members of the Community (1-3 per category)	
Individuals with Lived IDD experience	Community Member	Byron Hall Despina Karras Dakota Lanay Wilson
Family Member of Individual with Lived Experience Receiving Waiver Services	Community Member	Dotty Foley Robin Marx Ashley Young
Family Member of Individual with Lived Experience Receiving Medicaid ((b)(3), in lieu of services, ICFs, developmental centers) Services	Community Member	Jessica Aguilar Joan Fischer Danyale Sturdivant
Family Member of Individual with Lived Experience Receiving State-funded Services or Not Receiving Services	Community Member	Carol Conway
Direct Support Professional	Provider Agency	Mark David Patrick Holly Watt

# Workgroup Membership Continued...

Position	Agency/Entity/Representation	Individual (s)
Provider Agency Representative	Provider Agency-Community Based Provider	Richard Edwards (Community Based Care) Kerri Erb (Autism Society of NC) Ayelet Heckathorn (Charles Lea Center)
Provider Agency Representative	Provider Agency-Employment Provider	S. Michael Chapman (UNC TEACCH Autism Program) Melvin Anthony Neal (DECI) Alisha Tatum (Lifespan)
Provider Agency Representative	Provider Agency-Residential Provider	Jenny Gadd (Alberta Professional Services) Rita H. Oglesbee (t.l.c. home, inc.) Janet Price-Ferrell (FIRST)
LME-MCO Staff	LME-MCO	Cindy Ehlers (Trillium) Erin Nantz (Cardinal) Shirley Moore (Partners)
Staff/Volunteer Representative	Community Agency that Supports Individuals with I/DD	Saskia Barnard (Corporation of Guardianship) Jody Miller (Partnership for Children/Family Support Network) Tara Fields (Benchmarks)
Representative	DRNC	Lisa Nesbitt

# Establishing a Shared Vision



Consistent-Community-Staff  
Medicaid-Transformation

Staff-Training

Staff-Certification

Housing

Safety-Net-Services

Assistive-Technology

Meaningful-Day Community-Living

Expanding-IDD-Services

Employment

Staffing

Waiver-Slots

Peer-Support

Staff-Wages

Independence

Self-Advocacy

Enhanced-Service-Coordination

Transportation

# Workgroup Word Cloud



Listen-Individuals-w/Disabilities

Community

Direct-Support-Professionals

Opportunities Needs

Service Sustainable Innovative

Rate Increases More Well-Trained

Workforce-Development

Staff Data Positive Broad

Employment

Live Outcomes Challenge Longevity

Slots Services Waiver

Increasing Stable Independently State

Policy Waiver-Personalized

Info-in-other-Languages

Dual-Diagnosis-Supports

Housing Complex More-Services

Affordable-Housing

# Shared Vision Statement Draft

- **Identify, research and recommend innovative, stable and sustainable solutions to address increasing community inclusion for individuals with I/DD as it relates to independent community living, employment, self-advocacy, relationships and beyond. Further, recommend workforce development strategies to support and strengthen our Direct Support Professionals. The goal is to achieve a *Good Life* as defined by the individual.**

## The How...

- **Collaboration, Leadership & Dignity of Risk**
- **State systems designed to find and identify children with I/DD, Autism and TBI through strategic outreach.**
- **Personal and System Outcomes**
- **Engaging Historically Marginalized Populations**
- **Developing & Expanding Natural Support Systems**
- **Exploring and accessing inclusive post secondary educational opportunities to enhance employment options**

# 2021 Meeting Schedule

Date	Time
Wednesday, March 17, 2021	1:00-3:00 PM
Tuesday, April 6, 2021	3:00-5:00 PM
Thursday, May 20, 2021	3:00-5:00 PM
Thursday, July 15, 2021	3:00-5:00 PM
Thursday, September 16, 2021	3:00-5:00 PM
Thursday, November 18, 2021	3:00-5:00 PM

# Next Meeting Planning

- Finalize Shared Vision Statement
- Review of Public Feedback Received
- Overview of Current DHHS I/DD Projects & Initiatives
- Review Supported Employment Definition

# Member Questions & Feedback



# Public Comment Period

[DMHIDDContact@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:DMHIDDContact@dhhs.nc.gov)

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# Live Public Feedback Respondents

- **Jennifer Scialdone**
- **Lynn Martin**
- **MaryAnn Haskell**
- **Heather Johnson**