



Monday, May 22, 2023

MECKLENBURG MINUTES
Held Via Video Conference/In-Person

MEMBERS PRESENT: ☒ Ron Clark-in-person , ☒ Linda Campbell-in person, ☐ Ruth Reynolds, ☒ Randy Sperling-in-person, ☒ Beverly Corpening-virtual, ☒ Shagun Gaur-virtual, ☒ Melida Baldera-virtual ☒ Alan McDonald-in-person, ☒ Michael Flood-in-person, ☒ Lois Stickell-in-person, ☒ Shari Phillips-Stratton-virtual, ☒ Jim Sonda-in-person.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

GUEST(S): ☐ Suzanne Thompson, NCDHHS

STAFF PRESENT: ☒ Dr. Aalece Pugh-Lilly, Sr Director of Community Health & Well Being-virtual, ☐ Aimee Izawa, Director Community & Member Engagement ☒ Lakeisha McCormick, Manager, Member Inclusion-in-person, ☐ Eileen Bennett Member Inclusion Specialist, ☒ Fantasia Jones Member Inclusion Specialist-in-person, ☒ Nancy Kent, Access Supervisor-virtual, ☒ John Giampaolo, Community Engagement Specialist-in person.

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AGENDA ITEMS:	DISCUSSION:	NEXT STEPS:	TIME FRAME:
1. Welcome and Introductions- 5 mins	The meeting was called to order by Linda Campbell at 5:05 pm. Alan asked a question some questions in regard to Innovations Waiver and the age limits. There was some confusion surrounding the differences between the Standard Plans vs the Tailored Plan. Aalece noted that Tailored plans are more for the severe purvue, but that we also have coverage with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Nancy Kent noted that the Tailored plan will handle behavioral health and physical health. The people who have more less		

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	severe needs will be with a standard plan and the more severe needs. Alan noted the statute definition and Aalece asked what statute he was referencing. Statues were read but Nancy explained that that statute concerned only severe and persistent mental illness for adults. Aalece notes that this statue only applies to severe mental illness and not the Innovations Waiver or the TBI Waiver. Jim noted that when you are talking about people with psychiatric needs isn't it that the criteria that would qualify someone under 18, the person would not be covered under commercial plans. Aalece noted that under the Tailored plan covers children and adults. Nancy noted we do work with the CDSA it's considered to Medicaid Direct. The members decided to table this issue for next month discussion.		
2. Review of the Minutes – 10 mins	The minutes from the April 24, 2023 meeting were reviewed; a motion was made by Alan and seconded by Michael to approve the minutes		
3. State Updates 10 mins	Suzanne Thompson-not present. Randy asked if she can bring up whether or not the members qualify in this section. Lakeisha noted that she can bring that up in the Announcements/Public Comments.		
4. TBI Waiver Presentation- 15-30 min	John Giampaolo, Community Engagement Specialist and Nancy Kent Access Supervisor-provided a presentation on the TBI Waiver. Randy asked about the age restrictions and what is the specific ages that would make someone eligible. Nancy and Aalece noted it is 18 and that the Blunt Force Trauma must have happened at that time. Ron asked about the high-risk populations and Nancy noted that anyone 18 and older can qualify for the TBI Waiver. She also noted that there is no wait list currently for the TBI Waiver. Linda asked if there were slots open now and Nancy noted that the TBI Waiver does have slots open. Lois noted that there were some acronyms that were confusing on the presentation and said it may be easier to explain some of the acronyms instead of putting the letters. John did hand out TBI Waiver brochures to everyone as well. Aalece requested we put Nancy Kent's email and the information regarding the YouTube in the minutes. Nancy Kent's information is as follows: Phone: 919-651-8491 email: nkent@alliancehealthplan.org . The YouTube link for the Alliance videos are as follows:		

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5. Reports:- 15-20 min BOD,Steering Committee, State to Local,State CFAC, Conferences, Trainings, etc.	<p>BHSP-Alan/Michael-Michael noted that the BHSP is narrowing down the issues they would like to focus on as well as giving more clarification on some of the points they had all agreed on. He noted all the data should be gathered by July and then they will create a plan that will be shared sometime in the Fall. Linda noted that she and Lois went to the consumer conversations for the BHSP. Lois noted that many of the providers were “wanting” something instead of there to add meaningful conversations. And she noted that the moderators had a difficult time managing the conversations away from provider needs vs parent/caretaker needs.</p> <p>Steering Committee-Lois Stickell-5 mins-May 1st Steering Committee. Lois noted that they did an updated with the Tailored Plan. Signed agreement with Caramount and Novant letters of intent. Lois noted they are still finalizing with Atrium and they have created a joint team to make it easier for Atrium. She noted that they are creating a network but Meck County has some gaps with Spanish speakers, Psychiatrists, supported employment, community networking. Lois also gave an updated legislative update for the supported employment. She noted some changes in the houses/senate. Lois noted that the wording given directly to the workers. There are going to be 100 new slots added to Waiver.</p> <p>Latino/Hispanic Community Updates-Melida Baldera shared that she is part of a group for families and communities Hispanic/Latino who are having trouble with their health conditions/mental conditions/developmental disability. The group is in Spanish and offer advocacy and support within that community. Poder y Esperanza is the name of the group and they have several chapters around Charlotte and North Carolina. Shagun noted that the Autism Society has a Hispanic/Latino Liaison that helps with networking within those communities. Ron noted some of the resources/help that Camino is offering to</p>		

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	the Hispanic/Latino community and noted that he would like to partner with Melida and Esperanza to help their illegal population.		
9. Mecklenburg County Yearly Project/Event Discussion 15-30 min	-Linda Campbell/Lois Stickell/Shagun Gaur-Linda noted it will be on Zoom and in person at Myers Park. Linda noted we are in the process of getting the PowerPoint early so that we can have it displayed. Lakeisha noted that the constant contact will be sent out but had a few changes and she wasn't sure that it had been distributed again. She was going to follow up with Eileen. Shagun asked some questions about resources and if we can have a handout and she noted that she would appreciate that all the CFAC members be present in person if possible. There will be a panel discussion with Linda, Shagun and Melida after the DHHS presentation. Members should be there at 5:47		
11 Announcements/Public Comments	Jim noted that he has raised questions about how Alliance is handling the Autism Diagnosis and the additional burdens it imposes on the families and some additional testing that is not listed in the Statue. He noted he has not received any responses to his questions and that he would like that reflected in the notes. He also noted that the questions regarding diagnosis/timing of telling families about the testing/and how that process works. He noted that he has some Civil Rights concerns regarding the testing requirements. He noted that he has raised these questions many times and has received silence on his most recent comments. Randy thanked Jim for sharing this story and saying that it exactly why we are here. Jim noted that he needs more clarity in this topic from Alliance on is the testing causing an impediment for others. Lois asked if the other MCO's have the same requirements and Jim noted that is a good question. He noted that the Alliance has noted that the State requires the additional testing, but the statues do not specify that. Randy noted that the money given to these programs is Federal and then distributed by the State and the State is the one who interprets the law. Michael asked if the tests are backlogged and not easily accessed. Jim noted that he would like some clarification on that issue.	N/A	N/A
12. Adjournment:	Randy moved to adjourn and it was seconded by Alan. The suggested next meeting will be June 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.		

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