
ACQ DD Waiver Steering Comm. Meeting
Notes February 12, 2020

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Wendy Corry, Co-chair- ACQ DDW Steering Committee
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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Status of the DD Waiver Renewal application process:
 - DDS continues its internal work on the recommendations for the DD Waiver application
 - Additionally, the new Supports Waiver is taking a lot of staff time so DDS needs to use the “cushion” built into the original Waiver application timeline
3. Revised Draft Timeline:
 - January-August- Internal DOH/HSD work continues. Monthly DD Waiver Steering Comm. meetings.
 - August/September- Statewide Town Halls
 - October- Tribal Notification formal process begins
 - November- Public comment period begins
 - December- Public comment hearing and public comment period ends
 - January 2021- Review and respond to comments; revise waiver amendment as necessary based on public comment.
 - February 2021- Submit application to CMS
 - July 1, 2021- Effective start date

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4. Tribal Consultation Brainstorming:

- Discussion on the current method of notification- includes 1) the formal HSD/DOH notification process and 2) the informal Town Halls and public comment opportunity
- DDSD continues to consult with the DOH Tribal Liaison on more effective outreach
- EPICS has hired a new Director

5. DDSD Website Update:

- There is little traffic on the site, discussion on how to increase access
- Add a link from the DD Waiver page to the HSD page regarding the new Supports Waiver
- Steering Comm. members are invited to sign up for two interested party's distribution lists for the latest updates

(1) HSD interested party list- Email Melanie Buenviaje at Melanie.Buenviaje@state.nm.us
Include your contact info

(2) DDSD interested party list- Email Tammy Barth at Tammy.Barth@state.nm.us

6. Concerns/questions you are hearing?

- Need to brainstorm avenues to reach family members and participants on the Waivers. Currently focus is on case managers as the link for information to families and advocates.
- Concern regarding Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation training for people on the waivers. ABQ People First has been presenting a series of meeting on this topic including discussions with DHI.

7. Next Conference Call meetings:

March 11, 2020 from 9:00-10:00

April 8, 2020 from 9:00-10:00

May13, 2020 from 9:00-10:00

June 10, 2020 from 9:00-10:00