

Buncombe County NC - Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 8/23/2023

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: ZOOM only

Invitees		
Dan Beerman	Suzanne Booth	Taylor Cox
Rebecca Hartz	Eileen McMinn	Deborah Oldt
Susan Schiemer	Cindy Threlkeld	Greg Zornes
Billie Breeden	Zack Schmitt	Jennifer Teague

Not in attendance: Dan Beerman

- I. Welcome
 - a. New Member Taylor Cox
 - b. Approve or Revise Agenda
 - i. The Agenda was revised to have the Consumer Directed Services Presentation first.
 - ii. The Bylaws Revisions and Committee Co-Chair Discussion will wait until next month.
 - iii. Motion made by Suzanne to approve the Agenda revision, seconded by Cindy. Motion carried.
 - c. Approve or Revise Meeting Minutes – July
 - i. There were no revisions to the Meeting Minutes.
 - ii. Motion made by Rebecca to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by Deborah. Motion carried.

- II. Presentation on Consumer Directed Services (CDS) – Lorrie Roth, In-Home Aide and Consumer Direction Program Consultant, NC Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services.
 - a. Topics covered included: Definition of Consumer Direction; Who can benefit from CDS; Team Approach to CDS; Protections for participants; Definitions of representative and personal assistant; Protections for the personal assistant; Care advisor responsibilities; Home Care Independence Program and its goals; How to start a CDS program with HCCBG funds; Role of AAAs and DAAS; HCI participant protections; HCI care advisor responsibilities; Protections for use of public funds; FMS Enrollment Procedures; and Aging Resources Management Services (ARMS). (See attachment for the full presentation.)

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- III. In-Home Aide Program Transition from Council on Aging to Buncombe County
 - a. There were 35 clients receiving service from the Council on Aging. BCHHS sent letters to all of the clients asking if they wanted to transition to the County. Four clients chose not to respond, leaving 31 clients.
 - b. 17 clients were being served by agencies that chose not to contract with the County. Four agencies contracted with the Council on Aging, but only two agencies (Premier and Always Caring) chose to contract with the County. The County contracted with a third agency - Cappy's Home Care. Of those 17 clients, 14 clients have been staffed with new agencies and have been assigned an aide; the 3 remaining clients are waiting on an aide.
 - c. Currently, 28 clients are receiving in-home aide service, 3 are still waiting, and new clients are starting to be added that have been on the waitlist.
 - d. It became known that 4 clients are being served by family members. Those clients are not eligible for HCCBG funding so they will be served under BCSAF funding.
 - e. Council on Aging did have a CDS program, but the challenges were starting a new program and identifying the appropriate clients. Mecklenburg County funds a CDS program with 8 clients being served. Henderson County has a CDS program with DSS. Zack would be happy to connect the committee with Tracy Corn should they have questions on how to get this program running or to connect with aging service providers who are interested.
 - f. There are about 100 people on the waitlist. An intern will start on Monday and her job will be to call people on the waitlist and use the DAAS prioritization tool to screen people who are eligible for service not those on Medicaid or are veterans or on hospice where those services can serve them more appropriately.
- IV. Revise Committee Bylaws
 - a. Discussion moved to the next meeting.
 - b. Committee members should think about whether they want to be the Committee Co-Chair.
- V. Review Funding Expenditures – July (1st month of Fiscal Year 2024) – reminder of \$40,578 additional funding for allocation
 - a. Units of Service
 - b. Buncombe County Supplemental Aging Funds (BCSAF)
- VI. Determine Action Items and Next Steps
 - a. Confirm Member Appreciation lunch at Land of Sky week of October 23rd @ noon. Meeting 1:00
 - b. Provider Year End Reporting
 - c. Provider on site visits ?