



Meeting Activities  
April 17, 2017  
Legislative & Public Policy (L&PP) Committee

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11:30 AM	Welcome and introduction	Ed George
11:40 AM	Minutes	Ed George/ Marcia Tewell
11:45 AM	Update on HCBS Waiver Redesign Council	Robert Lawhead
12:00 PM	Cultural Responsiveness Presentation	Elizabeth Steed
1:00 PM	Status: Action Alert, HB620, HB17-1276/1210/1211	Robert Lawhead
1:30 PM	Adjournment	Ed George

**NOTE: NEXT MEETING Monday, May 1, 2017**

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DISCUSSION:

1. Meeting convened at 11:35 AM by Robert Lawhead in Ed George's absence.
2. Minutes Not Approved, No Quorum.
3. **Claire Dickson** presented update and status of Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver redesign and Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) algorithm adjustments. **Claire** currently sits on the Waiver Redesign Implementation Council. She has agreed to provide a presentation on waiver redesign for the full Council at their meeting later this month.
4. **Robert Lawhead** emphasized the need to keep discussion on public policy issues non-partisan and presented an email exchange in response to our action alert on the American Health Care Act as an example of how we can win people over through respectful discourse. Although Barbara Ziegler was initially quite concerned about our facts and figures, she came around to respect the Council's position following the provision of additional information responsive to her concerns. Robert distributed a draft action alert entitled "Contact Congress: Don't reduce our civil rights!" in response to the ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017 (H.R. 620). It is felt that this bill would seriously weaken the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by demanding people requesting access put their concerns in writing with a legally required format and delaying requirements that businesses be

accessible to people with disabilities. Claire Dickson felt that additional review of the action alert was necessary.

5. Robert gave a status update about HB 17-1276: Restrict Restraints on Public School Students, 17-1210: School Discipline for Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and 17-1211: Educators Professional Development Discipline Strategies Pilot. It is anticipated that these bills may have difficulty making it through committee. HB 17-1210 is now reportedly being opposed by rural school districts. HB 17-1276 has been weakened through amendments that no longer allow the public to obtain restraint data for particular schools. Mike Hoover stated that HB 17-1276 needs to be passed now and that he needs his supports and assistance because his Mom shouldn't be expected to take care of him.
6. **Hal Wright** addressed waiver redesign stating that the waivers were not providing appropriate services, and that the State practices were backwards in that they only evaluated the need for services after services are awarded instead of doing need evaluations at application to let the state know the level of assistance and services needed for those currently on the waiting lists and those applying to the waiting list. In this way the State could better project necessary funding for those waiting for services.
7. **Elizabeth Steed** gave a presentation about cultural responsiveness and the need for interventions to integrate these concepts into implementation guidance. Ms. Steed reported that the Pyramid Equity Project is currently underway to develop a national standard for responding to suspension and expulsion in schools for Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in a culturally responsive manner. Handouts and follow up information was provided during discussion with the Committee.
8. Meeting Adjourned 1:36PM by Robert Lawhead.

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#### ACTION ITEMS:

Robert Lawhead to keep Committee members updated on current status of legislation and expected issues to surround these pieces of legislation as they work through Committee.

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Present: Hal Wright, Claire Dickson(GTM), Lisa Franklin (GTM), Jessica Howard (phone)

Staff: Marcia Tewell, Robert Lawhead, Seth Downs

Absent: Shannon Secrest, Sarah Metsch, Barbara Ramsey, Anuska Ullal, Ed George

Guests: Donna Downing, Mike Hoover, Elizabeth Steed, Kiki McGough