

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION
ON
SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION
AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**December 2, 2009
Fair Oaks, 4th Floor
Frankfort, Kentucky**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Deputy Secretary Eric Friedlander for Secretary Janie Miller

Commissioner Stephen Hall

Commissioner Elizabeth Johnson

Harold Kleinert

Representative Jimmie Lee

Senator Julie Denton

Cherri Walker Lolley

Anne Montgomery

Shannon Caldwell

Glenna Taylor

Steve Shannon

Linda Sandidge

Carol Estes for Beth Smith

Pat Seybold

Representative Carl Rollins

Clyde Lang

Malkanthie McCormick

Cathy Edwards

Jonathan Trimble

Gwynn Royster

William Shaw

Patty Dempsey

MEMBERS ABSENT

Stephen Hendricks

Senator Tom Buford

OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Secretary Eric Friedlander. He introduced Commissioner Stephen Hall, who highlighted his professional history and experience as well as his plans for the future.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Clyde Lang to accept the minutes and was seconded by Shannon Caldwell with an amendment to reflect Glenna Taylor's suggestion for Medicaid to check into allowing people to own their own vehicles. The motion passed.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION UPDATE

Commissioner Stephen Hall gave this update.

- **Additional SCL slots**

An additional 200 slots per year was requested by the Department.

- **DSP (Direct Support Professional) Living Wage**
Additional funding was not requested for a wage increase for DSPs.
- **Expand DSP Recruitment/Retention/Training**
\$822,000 was requested in the budget to expand the SPEAK Program.
- **Funding to Allow Individuals to “age in place”**
Current waivers are being reviewed to make necessary changes when renewed in September 2010.
- **Develop Two Registries**
Further discussion will take place during subcommittee meetings to discuss an employment registry. The Department will support a pre-filed bill to be re-introduced in the next Session expanding the current child abuse registry to include perpetrators of adult abuse.
- **Expand Provider Profile to Include All Funding Sources**
Discussion with the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) will take place.

During the update of the Commission recommendations, a discussion regarding the “R” word occurred. Members had questions whether the “R” word would be replaced on all documents and statutes.

Representative Jimmie Lee cautioned members of the projected \$2 Billion budget shortfall and the difficult task the Governor will have balancing the budget. He emphasized the Commonwealth must work “smarter” to ease any program cuts.

MEDICAID WAIVER UPDATE

Commissioner Johnson gave this update.

- **Money Follows the Person (MFP)**
An Outreach and Marketing person was hired to work with advocacy groups, providers, and ICF/MR transitions coordinators. As of December 1, 2009, 37 have transitioned out, 121 are in the process of transitioning, 68 are pending and 81 have declined services. Applications received several months prior to projected discharge date, sometimes prior to MFP criterion being met are held until the transition process can begin.
- **ABI Long Term Care**
Since implementation in November 2008, there are 89 actively enrolled in services, and an additional 29 has been allocated funding but are not yet receiving services. There is no waiting list.
- **Michelle P Waiver**

As of November 23, 2009 there have been 2047 assessed and 1330 are ready to receive services. Numbers of currently served were not available. The Commission requested to be notified regarding any new waiver requests and regulation changes sent to the Centers for Medicaid Services (CMS).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

According to Steve Shannon, three dates are set for the 874 K events (February 3, 17 and March 3, 2010) in the Capitol annex to communicate to legislators the needs and actual number of people with disabilities in the Commonwealth.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting date is March 10, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned.