Health and Human Services Oversight Committee

Minutes
Friday, March 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Legislative Office Building Room 305-307

Meeting called to order at 10:08 am.

Present: Rep. Pearson, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Weber, Rep. Edwards, Rep. King, Sen. Gray, Rep. Merchant

Absent: Sen. Rosenwald, Rep. Murphy, Sen. Avard

Minutes from 24 February 2023 approved as presented

Next meeting April 28, 2023 at 10:00 am

DHHS Commissioner Update – Lori Weaver

Reported increased beds at Solution Health Hospital
- 120 Beds Total
  - 72 Adult
  - 24 Geriatric Health
  - 24 Youth/Adolescence
- New Location to be announced – leaning toward Manchester

Hampstead Site Broke Ground
- 6 week or sooner completion
- PRTF Step down (intention to be closer to families)
  - Adolescence Focus
  - More flexibility
  - Safe
  - Transition

SAMHSA Grant received
- Purpose – Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (SUD)

Adding 5 Beds at Dartmouth

Vacancy Rate – was 22.3%; now 19%

Director Buxton – Homeland Security
- Contract Approved – After Action Plan
- More Information Coming Before Summer

Adult Dental Benefits - Henry Lipman – FACHE, Director

Mr. Lipman updated the committee on the implementation of the Adult Dental Benefits in the NH Medicaid Care Management Program.

1. SPA and Waiver approvals from CMS ate in place as of March 22, 2023
2. Development of an adequate provider network with a focus on serious dental conditions to be available April 1, 2023
3. Mobil Dental Van on site April 1, 2023 at NEDD Building in Concord and one in Colebrook

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4. System development on track and beneficiary communication alignment being planned across DHHS beneficiary-facing team.
5. The department received approval from the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules for HeW-566 Dental Rules.

Advisory Council on Child Care Annual Report – Marianne Barber (Chair) and Karen Hebert (Division Director)

Report focused on $29.7M in ARPA Discretionary Funds to fund four areas within the federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Update on Projects:

1. GSQ Capacity Building Project – Anticipated Posting Date – week of 3/13/23
2. Child Care Workforce Recruiting and Retention Project - Anticipated Posting Date – week of 3/13/23
3. Child Care Improvement Project – Anticipated Posting Date – week of 3/13/23
4. Family Child Care Project – Anticipated Posting Date – May 2023
5. Business and Child Care Partnership Program – Anticipated Posting Date – May 2023
6. Marketing & Outreach – Targeting Governor and Council July 2023 meeting
7. Regional Leads Grant Program – Targeting Governor and Council July 2023 meeting
8. Data/Information System – No date given
9. Out of School Time Technical Assistance – Posted 3/10/23
10. Provider/Program Facilities Improvement Grants – No date given

Provided the 2022-2023 Annual Progress Report for the NH Child Care Advisory Council

NH DHHS Developmental Services Redesign Implementation – Melissa Hardy – Director, Division of Long Term Supports and Services

Provided a report on NH DHHS Developmental Services Redesign Implementation Status Update

- Rep. Weber asked how do we communicate what we are going to implement when we do not have any details?
- DD waitlist – will be available after April

DHHS Oversight Subcommittee:

Rep. MacKay asked for the ability to create a subcommittee in different areas of need. Sen. Gray mentioned the subcommittees must be covered by the DHHS Oversight charter followed by a ruling from the Chair. Rep. MacKay will be submitting his request at a future DHHS Oversight Committee meeting.

Update: Rep. MacKay will delay his request awaiting pending legislation in the Senate related to the Developmentally Delayed community.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:39 am

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