

CCT Monthly Roundtable | Meeting Minutes

Meeting Hours: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Date: **11/6/2018**
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM CCT
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM CCA ALW

Conference Phone Line – **PLEASE NOTE NEW NUMBER**

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Standing Updates:

[2:00 – 2:10 pm]

- Review of Minutes/Action Items
- Forms Submission
 - o ISCD would like to remind LOs that they are required to utilize current forms posted on website. LOs are also required to use current consolidated Assessment tool provided by ISCD. The current revision date of the CCT Assessment Tool is 6-1-2016.
- Policy/Guidance Letters
 - o None
- Transition Counts: 3,939
- Housing/811

We have exhausted all of our funds in round one, but one of our projects withdrew and so we still have some funds remaining in our 811 round two fund.

Topics:

[2:10 – 3:00 pm]

1. MFP Demonstration Sunset Date

- **Urshella Star (DHCS):** As a reminder The Money Follows the Person (Called California Community Transitions in California) program is currently authorized through the Deficit Reduction Act. The transition counts right now are just under 4000. We have a total of 3,939. The authority for the program sunsets on September 30, 2020. Therefore, the Department of Health Care Services will no longer have the authority to operate the CCT program beyond that date.
- This is our final year for funding transitions through the CCT program because the grant officially expires September 30, 2020. **Any transition not completed by the end of this year, December 31, 2018, will not be funded through CCT.** This will allow us one year of both transition services and then time for our close-out activities.
- As part of the state's sustainability plan, DHCS has built CCT-like services into the Home and Community Based Services Waiver as part of our sustainability plan.
- The HCBA waiver is the Department's mechanism to continue offering similar services to individuals who are transitioning out of an institutional setting.

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2. Empower Care Act – S.2227

- Senators Maria Cantwell of Washington and Rob Portman of Ohio, introduced the Ensuring Medicaid Provides Opportunities for Widespread Equity, Resources and Care Act, also known as the EMPOWER Care Act in December 2017. The EMPOWER Care Act aims to renew and expand the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program.
- The bill is still under review by the Committee on Finance. DHCS will notify LOs should this senate bill pass and extend the program.

3. HCBA Waiver Update -

- **Urshella Star (DHCS):** For the HCBA Waiver, we LOs should make every effort to contact the Waiver Agency in their service areas so they can work closely with them as members transition into the HCBA Waiver. All documentation that was requested by DHCS for an HCBA Waiver application should still be submitted with the HCBA application submitted to a Waiver Agency.
- CCT TARS should still be submitted to DHCS for approval of CCT services

4. Open Discussion

- **Serom (EBI):** Are we the only one experiencing issues with TAR approvals and requirements that seem to be changing? For example, often times we have a hard time getting a second or a third bid because contractors in our area don't do smaller work for a home modification. The minimum bid is \$50,000 jobs and the offers that we have are much smaller. In the past, we were allowed to attach attempts to get a second or third bid and that would be enough, but now it seems like our TARs are being deferred even if we attach our attempts.
- **Urshella Star (DHCS):** There was some re-organization and some of the things have moved down South. Some of those individuals down South have retired so there has been some changes. I'm working on training new staff and I'm hoping that next week I can start working on these individual issues to help CCT LOs.
- **Anwar (IOA):** As an HCBA provider, one of our transitional succession plans for the sun-setting of CCT is for those that are still needing discharge. We are not able to discharge them by the 31st to have the HCBA Waiver. We would not be able to discharge everybody because of various conditions. Plus the HCBA program has a super long wait list. How will the department plan to help expedite these CCT transitioning into HCBA?
- **Urshella Star (DHCS):** An individual in a nursing facility for 90 days or more will qualify for reserved capacity and they're not going to your regular wait list. The regular wait list is more for what we would refer to as people coming as community placement.

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- **Anwar (ACBA):** Would there still be a little bit of a wait but not as much, right?
- **Urshella Star (DHCS):** Your care team and you would go out to see them. You would help them fill out an application showing on there that the person is currently in a facility and then submit the application to DHCS. It implies they should get approved through the normal channels here to go on to the waiver. They would not be placed on a waiting list.
- We will be ending the call since there are no further questions. We will talk to you at the next call in January of next year.

Attachments:

- DRAFT Roundtable Meeting Minutes from September 4, 2018