

CAP / IDD Committee Meeting

May 12, 2023

11-12:30 via Zoom

I. Denise updated the committee on the status of the “Change Makers” project. Due to the academic calendar and students not being available during the summer, the project will resume in the Fall.

II. The COVID Public Health Emergency officially ended yesterday, May 11th. Members briefly spoke about “lessons learned” and shared how they are “transitioning” policies and practices back to pre-pandemic mode.

III. Legislation on having a Standard Occupation Classification for Direct Support Professionals has been re-introduced in Washington DC. Providers are encouraged to call their legislators to support this!

IV. Comments on the Adult Protective Services proposed regulations are due on May 22nd. Highlights of changes include identifying mandated reporters and prescribes penalties for their failure to report suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation, or abandonment; requires consistent and timely investigations of allegations; and when necessary provides for protective services to mitigate risk to individuals.

V. Discussed the upcoming Legislative Breakfast on the 19th and everyone was encouraged to attend. Other means of advocacy such as using Twitter, emails and letters were also encouraged. We will be focused on the WORKFORCE issue. At Dan Miller’s Mental Health Summit, legislators emphasized the need for DSPs to contact them!

VI. On April 18th, ODP gave a virtual presentation on a MAJOR systems change that will effect residential providers and supports coordination organizations. Providers have many, many questions about this. Kristin Ahrens will be giving many more presentations and hosting “listening sessions.” A “concept paper” is due out soon, and providers will have 45 days to submit comments.