

## Conference of Allegheny Providers IDD (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities) Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2024

1. RCPA (Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association) Updates from Carol Ferez:
  - a. Capitol Day is scheduled for 3/19/24, 10:20 – 11:30 am in the Capitol Rotunda.
  - b. RCPA Conference being held September 24 – 27, 2024. This is a change from the usual October dates.
  - c. RCPA is pursuing the PA Labor & Industry Grant to improve job quality for Direct Care Workers; they are seeking thoughts from the provider community on how RCPA could use dollars awarded to help their ID provider members. She would like feedback by 1/19.
  - d. Performance Based Contracting Workgroup – first meeting scheduled for 1/15.
2. Performance Based Contracting
  - a. Discussion on how members are preparing and what challenges have been identified.
    - i. Prep has included communication of the initiative to all levels of their respective organizations, gap identification; Identified challenges include change management (broadly), lack of specificity in Performance Standards document, resulting in providers not knowing exactly what direction to go with things like credentialing, infrastructure development...etc.
  - b. Credentialing – a few members have successfully implemented NADSP (National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals) e-badge and NADD (National Association for the Dually Diagnosed) credentialing in their orgs. Others are contemplating which direction to take.
  - c. Pay 4 Performance Measures
    - i. Those identified by ODP (Office of Developmental Programs) are likely to remain.
    - ii. These apply to all providers, regardless of tier.
    - iii. Concerns expressed by members as to whether Employment should fall under the purview of residential providers.
3. SIS
  - a. Continued issues with SIS (Supports Intensity Scale) scores being reduced inappropriately.
  - b. Anecdotal reports of assessors pushing back when areas of high need are identified by those assisting with assessment.
  - c. Carol Ferez has asked that providers send the MCI #s of those who have SIS scores reduced so that she can share with ODP.