

SB147 Provider Subgroup Meeting
September 28, 2017
Telephone Conference

Present: Steven Novotny, Homecare Services of SD; Matt Cain, Independent Living Choices; Sandra Dieleman, Avera at Home; Lisa Schaefer, New Hope Adult Day/Bethel; Eric Weiss, Department of Human Services (DHS); Jennifer Geuther, DHS; Becky Blume, DHS; Denice Houlette, DHS; Amanda Van Balen, DHS; Darin Ries, DHS; Beth Dokken, DHS; Misty Black Bear DHS Waiver Program Manager; Yvette Thomas, DHS; George Larson, Meals and Wheels, Rapid City, Jessica Pickett, Mitchell Nutrition Services, Lori Sisk, Sanford VNA.

The meeting started at 1:00 with members introducing themselves.

Eric Weiss provided a recap of the feedback from the first meeting. The members discussed follow up items: One request was for a map of providers and the range of people served. This map was not able to be created; overlaying all of the providers and all of the consumers is too complicated at this point. Yvette Thomas provided a map which gives the population of adults per county.

Denice Houlette provided an in depth demonstration of the rate calculation process using the current methodology and using the nursing/homemaker rate calculation as an example. Providers appreciated the demonstration. Denice shared that there may be changes to the format of the calculation going forward as DHS takes over the process; however, the rate methodology will remain consistent with potential changes being the addition of any suggestions from the workgroup.

Yvette Thomas shared information from other states on rate differentials; few states applied a rate tier or an add-on to the groups under consideration: homemaker/nursing, nutrition/adult day. The group agreed that didn't prevent this group from suggesting some enhancements. George Larson expressed appreciation for consideration of a rural rate, noting that the ability to receive an add-on or incentive for serving rural populations would really benefit those that serve meals in areas with very low populations. Members expressed support for the consideration of a prospective cost factor since calculations are based previous year cost reports.

The group expressed no need to have a third meeting. The minutes and final report to the SB147 steering committee will be shared with this subgroup when the report is finalized.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00