



# SUPPORTING FAMILIES

of individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities  
THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE • A COLLABORATION BETWEEN NASDDDS AND UMKC IHD, UCEDD

## SOUTH DAKOTA STATE TEAM

### South Dakota Supporting Families CoP State Team Meeting

December 4, 2019

Present:

Family Members	State Agency Representatives	Public/Private Partners
Brenda Smith – Sioux Falls (Ambassador)	Julie Hand – Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)	Teri Bukowski – Benchmark Family Support
Elaine Roberts – Sioux Falls (Ambassador)	Brooke Nelson – DDD (Ambassador)	Becky Israelson – Black Hills Special Services Cooperative, Family Support
Bret Whitmore – Rapid City, A Team Black Hills	Carrie Geppert – DDD (Ambassador)	Kristi Patton – Ability Building Services
Cindy Whitmore - Rapid City, A Team Black Hills	Kim Percival – DDD	Rose Moehring – Center for Disabilities
Dawn Kirchner – Yankton, Rivers A Team	Kelli Anderson - DDD	Tacey Dunwoody – Benchmark Case Management
Rhiannon Towne – Roslyn, SD (Family Support Council)	Dona Deal – DDD	KD Munson – Resources for Human Development Case Management
	Deanna Wollman – SD Developmental Center & family member (Ambassador)	
	Donna Fischer – DHS Division of Long-Term Services & Supports (LTSS)	
	Arlene Poncelet – SD Council on Developmental Disabilities	

Review of CoP Purpose and Core Belief – see attached slides

Roles:

- Timekeeper – Kristi
- Recorder – Teri and Brenda
- PowerPoint presentation – Kim P

**The Rivers A Team in Yankton** – Dawn Kirchner, President of the Yankton, SD chapter and Kristi Patton, ABS (see attached slides)

- Dawn and Kristi shared a trajectory of what the A Team had decided they wanted as outcomes for their group and then compared to what the National A-Team goals. Development of their trajectory included what they want for their A Team which included to be a voice for and driven by Self-Advocates and Families. What they didn't want was to be a group driven by ABS, Inc., even though ABS is providing support by having staff presence at the group's meetings. Kristi's role as a CSP staff is to provide support and assist the self-advocates/families - not direct it's efforts.
- Bret Whitmore followed up their presentation with a comment that as a member of the Black Hills A Team that he agreed with what they talked about as the A Team and they support the East River's A team efforts.
- Julie Hand shared that she and another DDD staff have been invited to participate in the Statewide Family Engagement Centers' (SFEC) Advisory Council – today, December 4<sup>th</sup> is the first meeting they have participated in. Julie plans to invite representatives from the SFEC to share more detailed information about the group's efforts during the February CoP meeting.

See **“Human Needs vs. System Needs”** slide in today's powerpoint - Julie provided an overview of this slide as a representation of the push/pull of working to create and sustain systems of support which meet the human needs while balancing the “system's” accountability for maintaining funding, policies etc.



- This relates to the topic of the Front Door as discussed in the past two CoP State Team meetings – DDD is currently focused on making the steps to accessing services simpler for people with disabilities and their families, i.e. the Front Door Interaction and Intake & Assessment as reflected on the slide. An update was provided in October regarding DDD’s plans to do broad outreach to all recipients of DDD services regarding their experience in learning about, applying for, and choosing DDD services. After further consideration, it was determined that initial outreach efforts will be targeted to those who have accessed or attempted to access DDD services in the last 12-18 months. This will provide more focused input from those who have had recent experience and will prevent any potential confusion or alarm for those who have been accessing services for a long time.
- Although there are many points of entry to disability services such as school, Vocational Rehabilitation, foster care, and Birth to Three to name a few, one goal of DDD is to assess the experiences of people with disabilities, families and referring agencies to learn about DD services, decide which services may/will best meet their needs, and the application/eligibility process for those services. We hope to identify strengths & weaknesses to better meet the “human needs”, hopefully resulting in supports better matched to the person to have a Good Life.

Carrie Geppert reviewed the Charting the LifeCourse meetings/upcoming events – Semi-monthly State CoP meeting.

- Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

- **Annual South Dakota Supporting Families Community of Practice ‘In Person’ meeting - April 1<sup>st</sup> in Pierre.**
  - Barbara Brent and Lisa Meyer from the National Community of Practice will be present – they are SD’s project team leads and will be onsite to provide technical assistance to our group and help us plan and prioritize.
- Regional Charting the LifeCourse Trainings will be held. Attached are flyers with details for those trainings.
  - Aberdeen – January 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - Brookings January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.
- Charting the LifeCourse Webinar Series **begins January 22, 2020.**
  - These will be 1 hour over the noon hour for CST, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. MDT. Included is a flyer with details of these webinars.
- **National Community of Practice Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO on April 28<sup>th</sup> and the Charting the LifeCourse Showcase April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, also in Kansas City, MO.** Our DD Council budget has funds allocated to pay for registration and travel for CoP State Team members and others interested in learning about Charting the LifeCourse.
  - **Please contact Julie Hand at [Julie.Hand@state.sd.us](mailto:Julie.Hand@state.sd.us) if you are interested in attending either of these events and would like your name added to be considered for registration and travel assistance.**
- Innovations Work groups meetings are available through our CoP membership and open to any team members. Julie sent out a schedule which includes details of how to participate.
- A schedule of Innovation Workgroups is also included with the minutes – topics for the Workgroups include:
  - Family and Self Advocate Engagement
  - System Design and Quality
  - Implementation and Practice
  - Cultural and Linguistic Competency