

VA Brain Injury Services (BIS) Program
Focused Design Group Sub-Team: *Working Meeting with DMAS*

Meeting Information	
Meeting Name & Topic	Focused Program Design Sub-Team: Working Meeting with DMAS
Date & Time	February 15, 2023, 2:00 pm EST
Dial-In Information	Click here to join the meeting

Goals & Attachments	Meeting Attendees		
<p>Meeting Purpose/Objective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review feedback and ask questions for additional eligibility criteria input Explain next set of recommendations and the Services handout schedule sent to participants Thursday 2/16/2023 morning. <p>Pre-meeting Preparation Required: submit comments</p> <p>Attachments/Handouts: Synthesis of Eligibility Comments; Feb 15 Meeting presentation</p> <p>Next Meeting: March 1, 3 pm</p>	<p>Collaboration Team</p> <p>Kara Beatty David DeBiasi Kathleen Hardesty Victoria Harding Dana Larson Linsey Mangilit Bernice Marcopulos Anne McDonnell Colleen McKay Cara Meixnecx Ivan Velickovic Michelle Witt Jason Young</p>	<p>State Agency</p> <p>Ann Beven Brian Campbell Kay Karmarkar Christiane Miller Rhonda Thissen</p>	<p>Consultants</p> <p>David Garbarino Michael Grenier Sharon Hicks Roya Lackey Sonja Lee-Austin Grant Lindman Marybeth McCaffrey Lisa McDowell</p>

Slides	Time	Lead	Topic	Meeting Recommendations
1-5	10"	Marybeth	Welcome; Workgroup purpose; legislative requirements	Information shared via slides
6-10	10"	Marybeth	Introductions & Roles	Information shared on the slides; meeting attendees are listed above
11-14	5"	Marybeth	Deliverables & Timelines	Information shared via slides
15-17	20"	Lisa	<p>Eligibility Criteria: TCM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Input received ○ Questions for discussion 	<p><u>Age 18 criteria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMAS is considering lowering the age criteria to 18 and have no age cap. DMAS will discuss this internally because of the financial implications. • DMAS Staff proposes age 22, based on the DD definition in Virginia regs to be less confusing with service lines. 12VAC30-120-20 DDW regulations and § 37.2-100 of the Code of Virginia.

				<p><u>TBI definition terminology</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMAS will review and consider how to align more closely with CDC definition (crush vs. crash) <p><u>Severity determination</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Alabama’s TBI program uses this definition of severity: “A severe TBI involves an extended period of unconsciousness (coma) or amnesia following trauma. A severe TBI may lead to a wide range of short- or long-term changes in brain function (attention, memory, etc), motor function (coordination, balance, etc.), sensory function (hearing, vision, and touch), and emotional state (depression, anxiety, aggression, impulse control, etc.)” <p><u>Physician order</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A DMAS staff member recommends deleting this requirement <p><u>Duplication of Case Management Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to determine with DARs and DMAS how to operationalize the member having an opportunity to make a choice between which state-funded case management services they prefer. DARS is in process of working with contracted providers to maximize availability for state-funded case management for people who do not qualify for Medicaid. Question: If a person has multiple needs (BH, BI, DD etc), is the case manager responsible to coordinate all services? DMAS Response: the case manager often assigned based on area of greatest need for service coordination.
18	20”	Lisa	<p>Eligibility Criteria: Waiver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input received Questions for discussion 	<p><u>Age 22-64</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMAS staff person offered consideration of removing age cap and lowering to age 18 Questions posed: what happens when a person has brain injury before age 22? Before age 18? Are there any situations people younger than 18 with a brain injury are not diagnosed with DD? <p><u>Incarcerated and Hospitalized</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explained that people who are incarcerated are not eligible for Medicaid ‘People in State of VA psychiatric hospitals need to have opportunity to apply <i>prior</i> to discharge DMAS staff stated their intention to include this in the 1915c waiver <p><u>Federal Institutionalization requirement for level of care</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern that people who can perform ADLs, are often not found eligible. DMAS staff are considering using “specialized care” criteria instead and working with CMS Technical assistance group to define an alternative that will meet the stated need, as well as 1915c institutional criteria.
19	20”	Lisa	<p>Eligibility Criteria: Neurobehavioral science unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input received 	<p><u>Definition of Brain Injury</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repetitive “head” injury poses a challenge particularly with dementia and can be confusing for whether a person qualifies.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions for discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DMAS staff offered to consider the prevalence of this occurrence by looking at claims data for “CTE” <p><u>Levels of Care</u></p> <p>Should the neurobehavioral unit have 2 levels of care?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DMAS staff: in the past waivers have not supported institutional care for people on waivers who need it sometimes. The Transitional Living program may help people who sometimes need high-intensity support and other times can be in HCBS settings. ● Learning Services in Raleigh and Neurorestorative in VA may have a way to create levels for people who need graduated approach to community living.
20-21	5”	Marybeth	Next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DMAS will make decisions about revisions based on your input ● DMAS will share revised eligibility criteria with you and other stakeholders ● Later this week, you will receive draft service definitions for review and comment by middle of next week. ● We hope to use the same approach as today at the March 1 meeting ● Share comments synthesis and slides in advance ● Discuss remaining issues at the meeting

Action Items				
#	Action Item	Due Date	Status	Responsible
1	Send revised eligibility decisions to workgroup	TBD	In progress	Consultants prepare; DMAS review and send when ready
2	Send draft service definitions to workgroup	Thursday, Feb 16 5 pm	In progress	Consultants prepare and send when ready
3	Workgroup send responses to Grant Lindman	Wednesday, Feb 22 5pm	Not started	Workgroup
4	Share March 1 meeting materials by Feb 28	Tuesday, Feb 28, a.m.	Not started	Consultants and DMAS