Direct Support Professional Training (DSPT)

ALTA Regional Advisory Meeting

October 3rd, 2019

**Minutes**

**Welcome, Introductions**

* Service Hub Representatives (coordinator(s), trainer(s), proctor(s))
* Regional Center Representatives
* Regional Center Vendored Community Care Facility Provider Representatives
* CDE-Tara Neilson/SBCOE-Arturo Chavez, Tina Silva and Vicki Baylus via phone/DDS Representatives – Raymond Usac

**Review and Approval of Minutes-** 2018-19 minutes were reviewed and approved

**Purpose of DSPT Advisory Committee Meeting-**Jean read the purpose

* To ensure that the Challenge Testing and Training are sufficiently scheduled to meet the needs of eligible DSPs within the Service Hub’s regional center catchment area
* Provide updates from DDS and CDE on DSPT program issues
* Address and resolve issues related to the DSPT program within the local regional center catchment area
* Provide Training and Testing aggregate results

**California Department of Developmental Services Report**

* Program updates:

1. Handling phone calls, emails and the help desk; updating the curriculum based on previous ideas, change to Amoxicillin number has been made to #30; translating curriculum will not be done at this time, Spanish will be first language for translation Note: the translations will only be available online; DSP 3 is not being considered at this time.

* Legislation:

1. HCBS waiver: Raymond is attending trainings on this
2. For EBSH – DSPs must have DSP 1 and 2 within the first year. Employers of DSPs in ARFPSHN facilities would also like their DSPs to have both Year 1 and Year 2 within the first year of employment.

* Program quality management system:

1. DDS will have a Southern California location in Costa Mesa

**California Department of Education Report**

* Materials and supply issues:

1. New guides are effective Oct 1st, 2019
2. Tara Neilson is the new point of contact at the CDE. Mark Shaffer is the fiscal point of contact.
3. Recertification of DSPs was in August 2019. Information was collected from parking lots and surveys. CDE has responded to much of the feedback. Best practices were also shared. The emphasis will be on updating the curriculum with the work done in 2017 and 2018 at the August recertification.
4. Procedure manuals have been updated also.

* Local coverage (issues, development of formal agreements, etc.):

1. all MOUs have been signed
2. 2020 recertification will be Aug 3-5 in San Bernadino and will be a workshop format. Suggestions for workshops include case management, trauma, behavior, LGBTQ

Also a mini workshop for new trainers

* Fiscal issues:

1. Payments issues are to being resolved. Good handle on new fiscal software.

**San Bernardino County Office of Education Report**

* Testing and Training results:
  + ALTA Pass/Fail rates for 2018-19 are:

Year 1 93% 326/352

Year 2 86% 188/208

Year 1 Challenge 9% 2/22

Year 2 Challenge 8% 1/12

Over all pass/fail rates are very good and in line with other Regionals Centers.

**Service Hub Report**

* Training and Challenge Testing schedule
  + 2017-18 Trainings: 12 -Year 1 Trainings 7 -Year 2 Trainings
  + 2017-18 Challenge 2 each - Year 1 and 2
  + 2018-19 Trainings: 18 -Year 1 Trainings 9 -Year 2 Trainings
  + 2018-19 Challenge 2 each - Year 1 and 2

There was discussion about the low Challenge Test results and why there is still a Challenge test offered. The legislation requires that Challenge test be offered. Passing percentages are low because the DSPs have not been through the training.

It is not possible to have a waiting list. Zencar reports they can now accommodate up to 30 DSPs at their facility.

There is a need for a training in El Dorado area. Lori Jean Hatten will look into changing one of her Sacramento classes to that area in the spring of 2020.

**Regional Center Report**

* There is a decrease in calls from vendors needing help with registration.
* Fewer issues with registration but still a few DSPs that think they are enrolled but they do not complete the process. Stephen explains the process to all new vendors.
* More sites are offering their facilities for trainings. Must be open to all DSPs.
* Contact Stephen if there is a class with low enrollment. He can send a blast to vendors to see if anyone can sign up.

**Provider Representative(s) Input -**

* It would be helpful if DSPs that do not pass the Challenge Test were informed of why they failed so that the administrator can work with them in those areas. It is frustrating that if one mistake is made, it is a fail.
* The need for weekend classes in the El Dorado area was discussed.

**Next Meeting -** October 1st Thursday 12-2 pm ALTA RC

**Recap and Closure**