ACQ Policy and Quality Sub-committee Meeting Summary

8-12-20

10am-11am

Attendees: Daniel Eckman; Christina Hill; Chris Futey; Marie Velasco; Victoria Herrera; Alice Liu McCoy; Amira Rasheed; Angelique Tafoya; Amira Rasheed; Ginny Lynch; Kathleen Holmes; Lecie McNees; Tracy Perry

DSP Certification:

1. The Policy and Quality Sub-committee reviewed research about the National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals (DSP) and Relias Inc. related to DSP Certification. This included the outline of what competency areas are necessary for a fully certified DSP and the library for what trainings are available to meet certification.

2. The group recommended listing trainings that exist within our field including all DDSD trainings, provider training, Therap Trainings, Continuum of Care Trainings, TEASC Trainings, etc. DDSD could leverage these trainings to create a certification curriculum. The group will review these prior to the next sub-committee. The group will also construct an outline of competency areas necessary to develop a competent DSP.

3. The group expressed concerns about cost to the provider related to paid time during training and tiered rates based on DSP level certification.

DDW Standards Revision for the Quality Assurance (QA) Chapter:

1. The committee discussed revising the QA chapter to require use of the DDSD developed QA/Annual Report Template. The committee discussed using the Therapy tool as a foundation to maintain a consistent tool within the field. The tool would be adapted. The tool would also need to a narrative section to support requirements in the QA chapter.