ACQ DD Waiver Renewal Subcommittee

Purpose of DD Waiver Renewal Subcommittee
DDSD is requesting that the ACQ form a Steering Committee to provide feedback on DD Waiver Renewal ideas within the requirements set forth by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The work will focus on systems changes and the administration’s initiatives to address the waiting list and rising cost of the waivers. The Steering Committee will function in conjunction with task force/workgroups that conduct more in-depth analysis of specific topical areas. DDSD is engaging a meeting facilitator.

Meeting Commitment:
The required commitment will be throughout the DD Waiver renewal process, i.e., now through July 2021 with the majority of the meetings occurring between now and February 2020. Meetings will most likely occur on a monthly basis, with a few longer face to face meetings. Some topics may need more discussion than others and these will be further analyzed in the task force/focus groups.

Membership
DDSD requests representatives from varied stakeholder groups/organizations totaling no more than 18 members. For example: representatives of:
- the ACQ members (3)
- ADDCP and non ADDCP providers (4)
- CMAAC (1)
- advocacy agencies DDPC, DRNM, the ARC, and the Governor’s Commission (4)
- Nurse, Therapy and behavior support representative (3)
- Parent and consumer representatives (3)

Planning with Stakeholder Engagement
- ACQ Steering Committee meetings (starting approximately in August)
- Internal DOH workgroups gathering information for proposed changes
- Prep for discussion of proposals in a task force/focus group meeting to include external stakeholders on specific topical areas
- Task force/Focus Group meetings
- Town Halls
- Formal Tribal and Public Notification
- Submission of application
- Waiver Renewal effective date 7/2021

Overview of topical areas
- Service definitions
- Assessment tool
- Eligibility definition
- Outside review
- Cost containment
- Electronic Visit Verification
- Person Centered Planning
- Rate Study
- Aligning waivers where possible