MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, June 3rd
Time: 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Location: Department of Workforce Services
Room 157-A
1385 S. State Street
Salt Lake City

Conference Call-in Number: 1-866-456-0016
Access Code: *2658942* (be sure to hit * before and after code)

DWS/Work Supports:

1:00 Welcome and Introductions

1:05 Overview of the DWS Newly Proposed "Demand-Driven" Approach to Talent and Workforce Development. (Greg Gardner)

1:25 General Assistance Redesign (Helen Thatcher)
Overview of proposed changes to GA and process to implement changes.

Advocates Questions:
- Can DWS show us the budget back-up that demonstrates the savings that will be achieved by making these changes?
- When will DWS initiate rulemaking? Does DWS intend on implementing these changes through emergency rulemaking?

1:45 WIA Stimulus Plan & Comment Period

1:55 Legislative Priorities (Mike Richardson)

2:05 Possibility of Adding a Definition to Hardship for FEP Extensions. (Karen Silver)
For those who have timed out of FEP and have worked but lost their jobs because of the economic downturn & don't qualify for UI. This could compensate somewhat for the Employer's Council refusing to give help to part-time workers.

2:20 Position of Intervention Specialist. (Karen Silver)
How helpful has it been? What is the return on investment? Is GA going to have an intervention specialist for those 400 people no longer eligible? It seems like it would be helpful, as we know these folks are very vulnerable.

DOH/Health:

2:30 Welcome and Introductions

2:35 Utah Medicaid Prior Authorization Process (Michael Hales)

In May Utah's Medicaid PDL program began requiring "prior-authorization" before a non-preferred drug can be prescribed. The Department of Health will be providing an overview about how the prior-authorization process works, how the prior-authorization nurses are trained, what standards they use in making a determination.

3:30 Update on CHIPRA and new CHIP Benefit Package

Topics Welcome!
We find these meetings are most productive when topics are generated by the community. Please email ideas for topics to melissa@utahcap.org or lincoln@healthpolicyproject.org. Thanks.