

CHAIR/PRESIDENT	Shannon Childress
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SECRETARY	Rhonda Cooper
ATTENDEES	Ashley Conrad, Margaret Mason, Safi Martin, John Waters, Melaina Rhoney, Regina Moody, Traci Butler, Tracy Frye, Khalil Nassar, Ashley King, Tonya Oakley, Kathy McGuire, Veronica McCray, Alex Caras, Barbra Maney, Misty Clay, Mary Corey Costner, Darlene Norton, Jodie Smetak, Josh Martin, Donnie Thurman, Colleen McCall, Kelly Butner, Darren Staley, Vonda Jenkins-Kimrey, Lucy Her, Candi Dula, Rhonda Williams, Donna Hollar, Friday Pettit, Dawn Cook, Mike Hoffman, Karin McDaniel, Mark Bumgarner, Dawn Kelley, Chrissie Gulden, Ginny Hall, Philippe Rosse, Alisha Cordle, Alisa Buchanan, Jamie Powell, Renee Lewis, Joe Marks, Belinda Vaughters, and Pat Barnett.

Agenda topics

- Review & Approve April meeting Minutes
- Old Business
- Work Group Discussions
- Partners Leadership Consortium Update

AGENDA TOPIC:	Review & Approve April, 2017 Minutes		
DISCUSSION	Khalil Nassar motioned to approve. Misty Clay seconded.		
CONCLUSIONS	Approved unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

AGENDA TOPIC:	Membership Update		
DISCUSSION	Shannon reported that Josh Martin with Support, Inc. was nominated to join the council as a voting member.		
CONCLUSIONS	Approved unanimously by email voting.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

AGENDA TOPIC:	IDD Workgroup		
DISCUSSION	There was discussion regarding the work group meeting after each Provider Council meeting to discuss issues and concerns.		

CONCLUSIONS	It was the general consensus that all IDD providers would like to meet each month and will begin after the June meeting.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

AGENDA TOPIC:	Credentialing Update	
DISCUSSION	Natalie would like to get a group of providers to serve as a pilot to test CACTUS and pass applications back and forth to see how things are working. A list was sent around for providers to sign up and this was given to Beth Lackey. Beth reported that they will keep us updated in Communication Bulletins.	
CONCLUSIONS	Providers have agreed to pilot the new credentialing program for Partners.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Natalie will contact providers	Natalie McBride	7/1/17

AGENDA TOPIC:	NC HealthConnex	
DISCUSSION	Margaret reported that there is proposed legislation to push back the date for this requirement to June 1, 2019.	
CONCLUSIONS	We will continue to monitor the progress of this legislation.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

AGENDA TOPIC:	IDD Listening Sessions	
DISCUSSION	Providers believe that there are major cuts coming to IDD services and it is imperative that we attend the listening sessions.	
CONCLUSIONS	All providers were encouraged to attend a listening session. Dates were given out recently by Partners and emailed to all providers.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Schedule a listening session to attend	All providers	

AGENDA TOPIC:	Partners Updates – Beth Lackey & Paul Caldwell	
DISCUSSION	State funded benefits changing July 1 st . Paul reported that Partners needed the help of Providers due to the constraints on IPRS dollars. He explained that Partners is down 33% in IPRS dollars since 2007 and in the ten year span the population has grown by 3 million people and services are needed more than ever. Paul reiterated that Partners was not decreasing the funding but reallocating the money to more effective programs. Beth explained that some providers have over run their budgets and that is why they had to slow down the day activity and other programs. She stated that providers who have not managed within their contracted amounts will have issues.	

CONCLUSIONS	State funded contracts for the start of the year will include these reallocations and providers who have blown their budget for this year will not start with that same budget amount as the previous year.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

AGENDA TOPIC:	Partners Updates – Paul Caldwell	
DISCUSSION	Paul explained that merger is not expected nor wanted but any day they could be told that merger will be required.	
CONCLUSIONS	Even though they have no plans to merge, if told to do so, there will be four MCO's .	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

The Provider Council meeting was concluded and all providers met with staff from Partners for the Leadership Consortium update to determine outcomes.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2017 in Hickory.