

WRAC April 28 meeting chat log

April 28, 2022 9:37 AM from DHS - DSD to everyone: Lea B can you hear us?

April 28, 2022 9:51 AM from Don Barnes (privately): I signed in as guest,. Is that correct

April 28, 2022 10:06 AM from Rosalie Eisenreich, SEMCIL (privately): Kayte Barton and Bud Rosenfield are having technical difficulties and have communicated this via email.

April 28, 2022 10:09 AM from Rosalie Eisenreich, SEMCIL (privately): Pat Wright is also having difficulty

April 28, 2022 10:10 AM to Rosalie Eisenreich, SEMCIL (privately): Rosalie, we emailed Pat, but make sure it is entered in all caps, WRAC

April 28, 2022 10:12 AM from Dr. Kate Jirik to everyone: Sending out the link 1day before the meeting would be helpful.

April 28, 2022 10:17 AM from Bud Rosenfield he/him to everyone: To add to Kelly's comments, I've heard from a few people who have similar questions about the voting process to ones I raised with you, and which you clarified for me. It might be helpful to clarify later today for the whole group. Thanks.

April 28, 2022 10:17 AM from val barnes to everyone: yes

April 28, 2022 10:18 AM from val barnes to everyone: Hi all

April 28, 2022 10:19 AM from Pat Wright to everyone: Hi

April 28, 2022 10:20 AM from Pat Wright to everyone: I just got in, what did I miss first 20 minutes?

April 28, 2022 10:21 AM from Kayte Barton to everyone: We all had issues getting in..

April 28, 2022 10:21 AM from Maria Trueblood to everyone: Hi Pat, welcome. we went over introductions for people who could not attend or introduce themselves last week and logistics for this meeting (use of webex, chat, etc.)

April 28, 2022 10:21 AM from Pat Wright to everyone: Oh actually that was me unfortunately, maybe I can introduce today sometime.

April 28, 2022 10:22 AM from val barnes to everyone: web i thought it would be a zoom meeting?

April 28, 2022 10:22 AM from Chad Wilson to everyone: Pat, there was also one comment from a member asking members get more opportunities to provide feedback.

April 28, 2022 10:27 AM from val barnes (privately): Will we have time to adjust the content on the screen?

April 28, 2022 10:30 AM from Pat Wright to everyone: Ok thx

April 28, 2022 10:30 AM from Lea to everyone: When sending chat, please send to Everyone unless it is a technical issue which should go to Kelly M our Host. Thank you!

April 28, 2022 10:31 AM from Pat Wright to everyone: Hopefully we can get the link an hour before next time to help resolve tech issues

April 28, 2022 10:32 AM from val barnes to everyone: yes, some do send a link an hour before or a day before.

April 28, 2022 10:32 AM from Leah Z to everyone: Yes- there was a mix up with links. This was my fault and I own it. We will make sure to send the correct link out at least the day prior.

April 28, 2022 10:33 AM from val barnes to everyone: I don't like the slide presentation taking over the entire screen. Can we change that?

April 28, 2022 10:34 AM from DHS - DSD to everyone: You can adjust your view of the presentation and videos by hovering in the upper part of the screen to find the "Layout" button.

April 28, 2022 10:35 AM from Bud Rosenfield he/him to everyone: Just as an observation: Requiring that recommendations be "practical and feasible" and that they be within existing funding might be overly restrictive for this group. Seems like we should be able to at least recommend needed changes even if they require additional funding. This warrants further discussion.

April 28, 2022 10:35 AM from Kelly Friesen to everyone: Will the rationale for decision making be shared with group so we can hear what the decision was based upon?

April 28, 2022 10:35 AM from val barnes to everyone: Yes, there are limited options.

April 28, 2022 10:36 AM from val barnes to everyone: I like the large print of the presentation but it takes over the entire screen

April 28, 2022 10:36 AM from val barnes to everyone: with no choice to change the size or area

April 28, 2022 10:37 AM from Lea to everyone: Val, the font size is for accessibility purposes.

April 28, 2022 10:38 AM from val barnes to everyone: ok, i got it, I am zooming out. tks

April 28, 2022 10:38 AM from Leah Z to everyone: Just to clarify- The group will have an opportunity to readjust the gradients of agreement scale and process when we start working on policy development.

April 28, 2022 10:39 AM from Kayte Barton to everyone: Zoom has better accessibility options for presentations

April 28, 2022 10:39 AM from val barnes to everyone: yes, i see

April 28, 2022 10:40 AM from phyllis reller (privately): change mine to B (sorry)

April 28, 2022 10:45 AM from Chad Wilson (privately): I meant to vote Ambivalent, not major reservations. I apologize for the error.

April 28, 2022 10:46 AM from Rosalie Eisenreich, SEMCIL (privately): This is deep into policy but I would like further information to understand the context of Waiver Reimagine. Is Waiver Reimagine related to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid HCBS Community Rule Setting? Is this formulating the STP response?

April 28, 2022 10:47 AM from DHS - DSD to everyone: Please remember to send your chat to "Everyone" unless it is a technical issue

April 28, 2022 10:47 AM from val barnes to everyone: I don't like web ex either

April 28, 2022 10:49 AM from Tricia Brisbine to everyone: I have a clarifying question

April 28, 2022 10:51 AM from zahnia harut to everyone: That makes sense

April 28, 2022 10:51 AM from val barnes to everyone: yes

April 28, 2022 10:52 AM from Bud Rosenfield he/him to everyone: Follow up to Tricia?

April 28, 2022 10:52 AM from Kelly Friesen to everyone: Thank you for allowing questions. It is very beneficial.

April 28, 2022 10:53 AM from Lea to everyone: Reminder to speak slowly for the captioner to track.

April 28, 2022 10:53 AM from Arbdella to everyone: i do not have copies of all slides this severely limits my ability to participate

April 28, 2022 10:54 AM from Lea to everyone: No slides have been added. Some slides were extended on to 2 pages rather than 1 to allow for an increased font for accessibility purposes.

April 28, 2022 10:56 AM from Lea to everyone: Also please state your name when speaking for accessibility considerations. Thanks everyone!

April 28, 2022 11:00 AM from Bud Rosenfield he/him to everyone: Can you share the 26 page Equity Analysis with us?

April 28, 2022 11:00 AM from julie morrison to everyone: Is this equity analysis available to us?

April 28, 2022 11:00 AM from Kayte Barton to everyone: I would like to see this too

April 28, 2022 11:01 AM from val barnes to everyone: yes, I t would be a nice conversation about the equity analysis.

April 28, 2022 11:02 AM from Kayte Barton to everyone: Especially with the equity around health care, this would be nice to see since I want to implement a health and wellness plan

April 28, 2022 11:02 AM from Polly Owens to everyone: Has there been any talk of having just one waiver based on the person's assessment regardless of where they person chooses to live? A person's assessed needs do not change based on living situation.

April 28, 2022 11:03 AM from julie morrison to everyone: I would also like to acknowledge that "choice of preferred living arrangement" is an artificial construct with the housing shortage and affordability barriers.

April 28, 2022 11:03 AM from Polly Owens to everyone: Good point Julie.

April 28, 2022 11:03 AM from val barnes to everyone: right, you have to wonder if the conversation even exist in some communties of color in health care settings and if so who are conducting the conversations

April 28, 2022 11:03 AM from Abby Gertken to everyone: agreed julie

April 28, 2022 11:05 AM from Kayte Barton to everyone: The health care conversion is non existent even for all races.

April 28, 2022 11:05 AM from Kayte Barton to everyone: It's non existent

April 28, 2022 11:05 AM from Bud Rosenfield he/him to everyone: To Polly's and Julie's points: Right now, a lead agency COULD authorize a budget for someone living in an own home settings that is just as high as a budget in licensed settings. Under the new 2 waiver proposal, with current proposed budget ranges, this could not happen absent an exception process. So discussing a move from 4 to 2 waivers without considering the budget consequences and limitations associated with that decision/choice is difficult if not impossible.

April 28, 2022 11:06 AM from val barnes to everyone: well the patient in healthcare setting have to initiate the conversations.

April 28, 2022 11:06 AM from val barnes to everyone: its been my experience

April 28, 2022 11:06 AM from Leah Z to everyone: Here is a link to the governor's budget, page 102 provides a summary of the equity analysis. Page 102 of the Governor's budget - <https://mn.gov/mmb-stat/documents/budget/2022-23-biennial-budget-books/governors-recommendations-january/human-services.pdf>

April 28, 2022 11:38 AM from Maria Trueblood to everyone: Welcome back everyone! Excited to hear your feedback

April 28, 2022 11:41 AM from Leah Z to everyone: Note takers- please send your notes to waiver.reimagine@state.mn.us. Thank you!

April 28, 2022 11:42 AM from Kelly Friesen to everyone: Great point!!

April 28, 2022 11:52 AM from zahnia harut to everyone: Is this recorded ?

April 28, 2022 11:52 AM from Bud Rosenfield he/him to everyone: Will there be time in the process for those of us who would like to discuss multiple guiding principles to talk about them and provide input into them? (This is a limitation of using breakouts to try to cover lots of different issues.)

April 28, 2022 11:53 AM from DSD Fiscal Policy to everyone: Zahnia - we are not recording the session but will be sending out detailed notes after each meeting.

April 28, 2022 11:55 AM from Leah Z to everyone: Bud- yes, there will be more of an opportunity for the group to refine the guiding principles. We will connect with the group soon to talk about next steps on that.

April 28, 2022 11:56 AM from julie morrison to everyone: I will say again here -- that equity and self direction is not achievable by living arrangement with so many barriers to living where a person chooses so the foundation of where one lives is biased.

April 28, 2022 11:56 AM from Bud Rosenfield he/him to everyone: Stephen, can you address Polly's question: Why wouldn't moving to one waiver further reduce admin complexities, while also removing some of the equity concerns about putting more money into the service ranges for licensed settings v own home settings? The brief description you gave sounds more like it limits choice.

April 28, 2022 11:56 AM from Rosalie Eisenreich, SEMCIL to everyone: @Stephen or Waiver team, could you speak more to the CMS requirements? Why are we basing things on two locations rather than solely on a person's needs, regardless of where they live?

April 28, 2022 11:57 AM from Polly Owens to everyone: In regard to Bud's question . . . it appears there will not be time today to give input on guiding principles other than in the small groups. Should we just submit written input? How?

April 28, 2022 11:57 AM from Elizabeth Scheel-Keita to everyone: there is concern in the community that budget issues will force more people into residential to get needs met, so hopefully we can address this next meeting

April 28, 2022 11:57 AM from zahnia harut to everyone: I am concerned about how easy will it be for participants to switch back and forth between the two waivers based on their status at the time? Will this take several months can it be switched immediately etc.

April 28, 2022 11:58 AM from julie morrison to everyone: Transitioning from group housing to own home is a huge barrier and there is service disruption. The transition period needs to be highlighted.

April 28, 2022 11:58 AM from Lauren Thompson to everyone: General Comment: I want to encourage the DHS to make sure they have the support they need themselves internally as they make improvements to WRAC. Because the DHS is the trusted authority, here. Everyone on disability services relies on the DHS for consistency and clarity. It has had the knowledge, and power, to control the content in this committee. We need an appropriate forum to be able to serve the community. You should not have to be editing down content you wanted to present. This is not the empowerment for all of us which is intended, this is neglect.

April 28, 2022 11:58 AM from zahnia harut to everyone: For example if someone ends up in the hospital for an extended period of time and need to go back to an own home setting

April 28, 2022 11:59 AM from Tricia Brisbane to everyone: To DHS and meeting facilitators - Is it prudent to continue with the agenda when there are such substantial questions being asked in the chat? It seems it might be helpful to address these issues before proceeding. Just a thought....

April 28, 2022 11:59 AM from zahnia harut to everyone: I also agree if possible if all content can be presented it will help

April 28, 2022 11:59 AM from zahnia harut to everyone: Regardless of the time constraints

April 28, 2022 11:59 AM from Polly Owens to everyone: Agreed Rosalie. I mentioned that in the chat earlier. It appears the two waiver concept is non-negotiable at this point. in the transformation of the waiver. Could one waiver be the next phase?

April 28, 2022 12:00 PM from Tricia Brisbane to everyone: I am not sure we all had complete information before answering some of the poll questions

April 28, 2022 12:01 PM from zahnia harut to everyone: This is a super important part of the program we may need additional time to go over this at the next meeting

April 28, 2022 12:02 PM from julie morrison to everyone: Policy question? Transitions -- needs to be called out specifically

April 28, 2022 12:02 PM from Leah Z to everyone: Please give us some time to look at all of the questions that are coming in. We will respond here or after to the entire group so you all have the same information. We will send people an email about what they would like to see as to next steps with guiding principles.

April 28, 2022 12:03 PM from Pat Wright to everyone: Please send these slides

April 28, 2022 12:03 PM from Pat Wright to everyone: Lots of info

April 28, 2022 12:03 PM from Pat Wright to everyone: Too little time

April 28, 2022 12:04 PM from julie morrison to everyone: Policy? Have a gap/equity analysis incorporated into everyone's planning

April 28, 2022 12:05 PM from Tricia Brisbane to everyone: but why was it decided to be 2 waiver?

April 28, 2022 12:05 PM from Tricia Brisbane to everyone: without the why, it is difficult to come up with congruent solutions

April 28, 2022 12:05 PM from Bud Rosenfield he/him to everyone: 4 to 2 waiver is in legislation - true - but that's really because that's what DHS asked for from the Legislature. We could certainly recommend something different/better.

April 28, 2022 12:05 PM from Rosalie Eisenreich, SEMCIL to everyone: Is this state legislative decision or is it also a requirement of CMS? If we want to advocate outside of this model, do we go to state legislators or federal?

April 28, 2022 12:06 PM from Rosalie Eisenreich, SEMCIL to everyone: Agree Bud. Agree.

April 28, 2022 12:06 PM from zahnia harut to everyone: A thought -I think a majority of the time today was spent going over formalities and how the meetings work and we should spend less than 5-10 minutes on this going forward and spend a majority of the time going over the bulk of what we are covering right now.

April 28, 2022 12:06 PM from Kelly Friesen to everyone: Suggestion for next meeting: we are aware of the need for respectful communication and our responsibilities. We spent over 20 minutes on housekeeping issues at the beginning of the meeting. Our time is limited & valuable.

April 28, 2022 12:06 PM from Tricia Brisbine to everyone: As a committee member, I would propose that we amend the agenda to address the questions that have been posed by other members. It seems that many people are wanting more clarification before proceeding.

April 28, 2022 12:07 PM from zahnia harut to everyone: Kelly- agreed

April 28, 2022 12:07 PM from Lauren Thompson to everyone: It feels like we need a meeting that's solely a listening session

April 28, 2022 12:07 PM from Polly Owens to everyone: Years ago Olmsted County made recommendations for changing the service system. It was part of what we called Project Foresight. The model was one assessment (we are there), one set of service options (getting there) and one funding source or waiver (not there yet).

April 28, 2022 12:08 PM from Kelly Friesen to everyone: Agreed Tricia!

April 28, 2022 12:09 PM from Pat Wright to everyone: Thx

April 28, 2022 12:09 PM from julie morrison to everyone: Thank you and if we could get the 26 page equity analysis....