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WELCOME!

Updates

DDA Changes

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Tell us what is
most pressing
for you!

SDAN Urgent Meeting- Significant Changes related to new leadership at DDA

February 21, 2024




Please Mute.

Use Chat Box for questions. Please
keep side conversations to a minimum.

We will be recording.

Close captioning available.



Just one quick
announcement
ArcCCR
Tax Document
Issues

W2 and W2c-corrected

W4 and MW507 versus
Attestation for Difficulty of Care
(reside with participant)

Arc emailed the link to the form
and we will add it to the chat.



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DDA Leadership Changes—Stakeholder and Policy shifts

1/10/24; Marlana Hutchinson replaced Bernard Simons as DDA Deputy Secretary

Leslie Thompson now Interim Director of Programs following Nick Burton's departure.

SDAN has communicated with the new Deputy Secretary

The DDA is apparently doing “end-to-end mapping” of all policies and procedures

Future partnership?

But...



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Current Observations during the last 2 months

- The Deputy Secretary has indefinitely suspended all meetings with SDAN (and it appears other groups as well)
- Communications with and by the DDA are severely curtailed
- Reversal of procedures without input or communication
- Many processes have moved from FMCS to DDA causing delay and a backlog of requests.



Reports from membership include:

- Denials of previously approved services (2:1, overnight supports)
- Use of increase in LTSS rates (as of 1/1/24) for vendors not allowed
- Delays and/or denials of:
 - IFDGS
 - Budget modifications
 - Employee wage changes and exceptions



ATTENDEE POLL—ACCESS TO IFDGS, COLA

- Budget modifications
- Staff wages
- IFDGS requests
- Vendor rates

Unresolved Issues?



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- Use your CCS and SB
- Contact the Regional DDA Office
- Write to the Deputy Secretary and Secretary of MDH
- Write to you legislator
- Fill out the Governor's Survey

**Advocacy This
Week and Next-
Email to follow
with details!**

**Budget Reconciliation
Financing Act (BRFA) allowing
DDA to re-establish an
arbitrary limit on IFDGS**

**Committee hearings
2/28 and 2/29**

**Contact Your Legislators
with your
thoughts/testimony**



QUESTIONS? THOUGHTS?

Put your questions in the chat box or if you are unable to do that, use the “raise your hand” function.

We will answer as many questions as possible!

Reminder: Please feel free to email any private/sensitive information to info@marylandsds.org



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