Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)
Rate Review Advisory Group

April 18, 2024

Welcome and Opening Remarks

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Agenda

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2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

3. Employment Services Update

4. Acuity Feedback

5. General Ledger Supplemental Updates

6. Open Discussion

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Approval of Meeting Minutes

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Employment Services Update

Employment First Workgroup

- Goal of Employment 1st Workgroup:
  - To increase Competitive Integrated Employment for DDA participants
- Next Steps:
  - Going to reset and reground to ensure more efficient use of time and resources to ensure successful completion of objectives
  - Draft new charter for group as a whole vs. subcommittees
  - Review membership - ensuring cross-representation

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Acuity Feedback

Acuity Feedback Survey

- Providers were asked to submit detailed guidance on acuity to identify potential analyses to include:
  - Specific services to address
  - Specific adjustments to the rate methodology
  - Data required and data collection timing
- Feedback survey and reminders shared with approximately 350 providers on 3/7, 3/11, & 3/19
- 31 Total Respondents
  - 21 respondents indicated they wanted to suggest an approach for an acuity adjustment
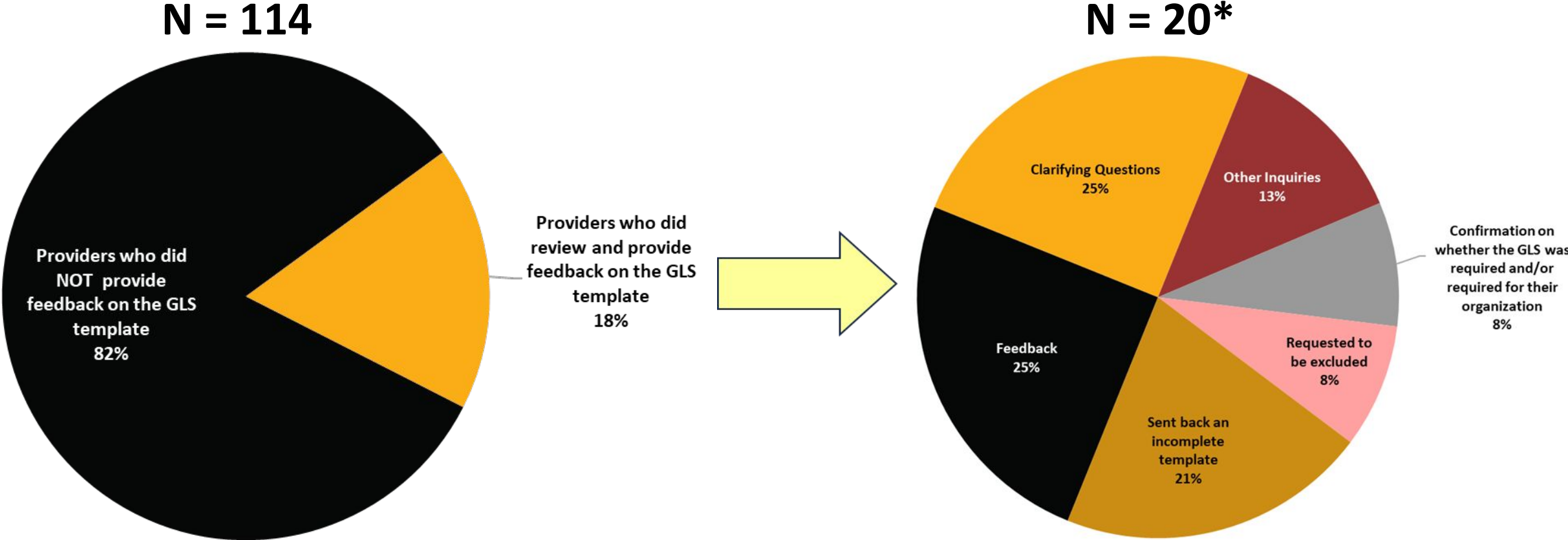 - 18 of those responses were directly related to acuity

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Acuity Feedback Survey Responses

Provider Acuity Feedback Themes	Current DDA Services and Policies
Identifying individuals with higher needs	DDA uses the following processes to identify individuals with higher needs: person-centered planning tools; the Health Risk Screening Tool (HRST); and other health and welfare assessments, to determine the participant's assessed needs, level of services, and preferences
All residential, meaningful day, and respite services should be considered	The DDA-operated Medicaid waiver programs include enhanced residential, meaningful day, and supports services, overnight supports and overnight supervision, dedicated supports including 1:1 and 2:1 staff-to-participant supports, and enhanced rates.
Data elements: matrix scores, HRST scores, # of behavioral plans, and # of nursing plans	Behavioral Support Plan or Nursing Care Plan

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Acuity: Next Steps

- Acuity analyses will not be completed for the FY 26 rate cycle

- **Acuity Lunch and Learn Sessions** to highlight current strategies and range of services will be available for providers and CCS agencies
  - Opportunities for peer-to-peer learning
  - Specific examples and strategies

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General Ledger Supplemental Updates

GLS Template: Providers Who Submitted Feedback

N = 114

Providers who did NOT provide feedback on the GLS template 82%

Providers who did review and provide feedback on the GLS template 18%

N = 20*

Clarifying Questions 25%

Other Inquiries 13%

Confirmation on whether the GLS was required and/or required for their organization 8%

Requested to be excluded 8%

Sent back an incomplete template 21%

Feedback 25%

*Of 20 providers, 24 emails were received.

Other Inquiries includes asking about training sessions, request for phone call, and material location

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GLS Data Collection

- The finalized GLS template and instructions were shared with day habilitation providers on 3/19/24 and posted to the [DDA RRAG Website](#)

- GLS template submission update
  - Templates received, representation of providers, and representation of individuals served

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GLS: TA Sessions

- TA sessions were well attended, recorded and posted to the [RRAG website](#)
  - 3/21/24: 82 attendees
  - 4/1/24: 87 attendees
  - Total number of unduplicated attendees: 156
- Key themes for questions:
  - Confirmation on what providers are required to submit data
  - DSP staff and wages information
  - Clarification on specific items and cost categories
  - How to report no non-billable time
- Hilltop has received over a dozen emails from providers
  with questions and/or requesting clarification

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GLS Technical Assistance Requests

N = 12*

Confirmation on whether the GLS was required and/or required for their organization
36%

Specific Questions on Template
36%

Requested links to training seminar and GLS materials
28%
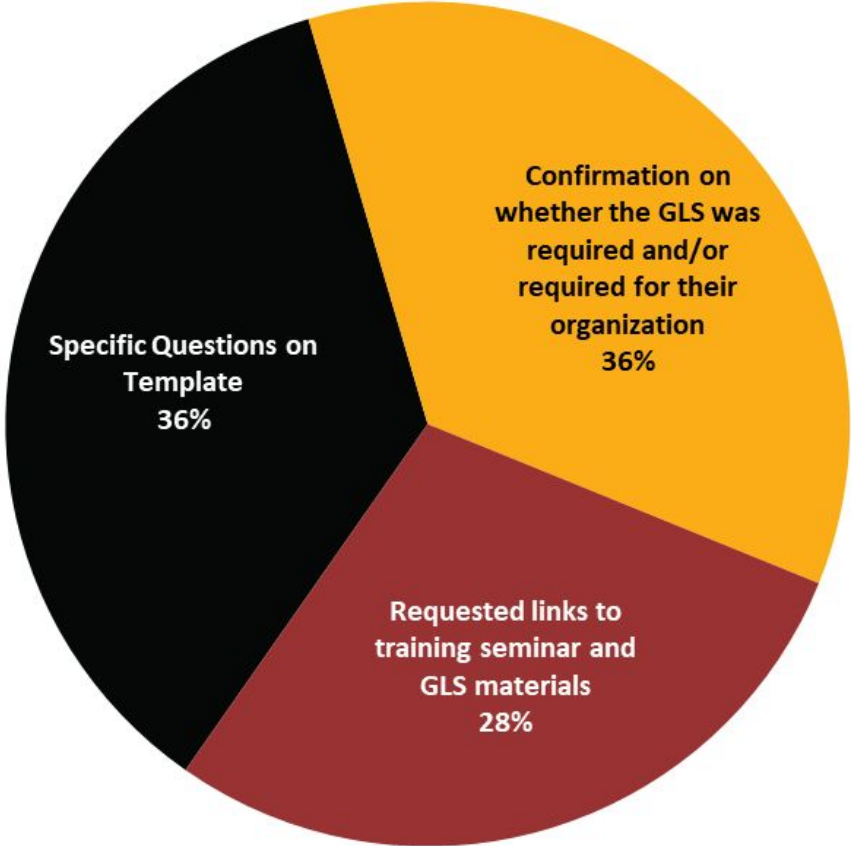
*Of the 12 providers, we received 14 emails

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GLS: Questions, Technical Assistance, Submission

- All questions and technical assistance requests should be submitted to Hilltop
  - dda_rate@hilltop.umbc.edu

- Recordings of the training sessions are available on The DDA GL Data Collection Tool Website
  - https://health.maryland.gov/dda/Pages/LTSSMaryland/RRAG/GL-Data-Collection-Tool.aspx

- Completed GLS Templates should be submitted via Qualtrics (no email submissions will be accepted)
  - https://umbc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3QnxOTPKKnT0Bnw

ALL GLS TEMPLATES ARE DUE BY MAY 1, 2024

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Open Discussion

Public Comment

Next Steps and Adjournment

MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 **RRAG**	31	1

Meetings occur approximately every 6 weeks until August 2024 and will be posted on the DDA's Training Calendar

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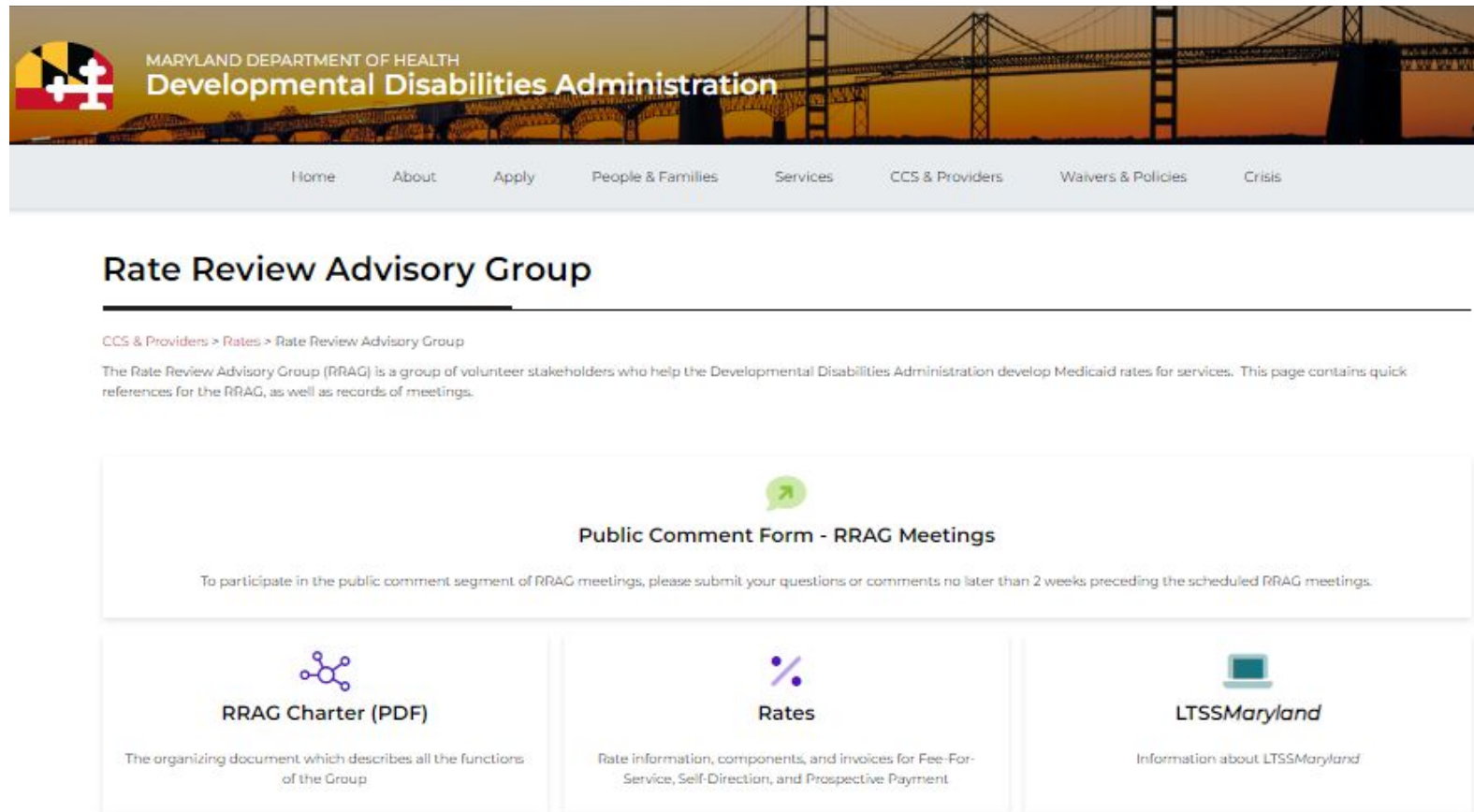
Upcoming Meeting Dates

The next RRAG meeting will be held Thursday, May 30, 12:30–1:45 p.m.

Remaining RRAG Dates
Wednesday, July 10, 2024: 12:30 - 1:45 p.m.
Thursday, August 22, 2024: 12:30 - 1:45 p.m.

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Rate Review Advisory Group Materials

https://health.maryland.gov/dda/Pages/LTSSMaryland/RRAG.aspx

Thank You!

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