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MEMORANDUM

TO: DDSN Stakeholders

FROM: Beverly A.H. Buscemi, Ph.D., State Director 

RE: DDSN FY 2018-2019 Budget Request Stakeholder Forum

DATE: July 7, 2017

The SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs is hosting five stakeholder forums across the state to hear from stakeholders what items or needs they feel should be considered priority for inclusion in DDSN's budget request for FY 2018-2019. All state agencies must submit their budget requests by September 15, 2017. Therefore, the SC Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs will determine what items will be included in the agency's request at their August 17, 2017 meeting.

All DDSN stakeholders are invited to attend a forum to share their perspective about potential budget request items. Please see the dates and locations below. Each person who signs up will have three (3) minutes to speak. Interpreter services for people with hearing impairments will be available if requested in advance. Individuals who are unable to attend a forum or who do not wish to speak may email their comments to budgetrequest@ddsn.sc.gov, fax them to (803) 898-9656, or mail to SCDDSN, PO Box 4706, Columbia, SC 29240. All comments must be received by close of business August 11, 2017.

We look forward to hearing from you and learning what needs stakeholders feel should be DDSN's priorities for the FY 2018 -2019 budget request. While it is recognized there are many compelling needs and goals we want to accomplish, the state has limited resources. Governors and the General Assembly have consistently made DDSN supports and services a state priority. We are grateful for the ongoing dedication of South Carolina's elected leaders to individuals with lifelong disabilities, their families and the staff who provide essential care and assistance.

Please refer to the second page for forum dates and locations

DISTRICT I

P.O. Box 239
Clinton, SC 29325-5328
Phone: (864) 938-3497

Midlands Center - Phone: 803/935-7500
Whitten Center - Phone: 864/833-2733

DISTRICT II

9995 Miles Jamison Road
Summerville, SC 29485
Phone: 843/832-5576

Coastal Center - Phone: 843/873-5750
Pee Dee Center - Phone: 843/664-2600
Saleeby Center - Phone: 843/332-4104

DDSN Stakeholder Budget Forum Dates and Locations:

Thursday, July 27, 2017 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
DDSN Central Office Building, Conference Room 251
3440 Harden Street Extension
Columbia, SC 29203
Contact number for directions: Sandra Delaney (803) 898-9769

Tuesday, August 1, 2017 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Coastal Center – Developmental Building, Training Center
9995 Jamison Road
Summerville, SC 29485
Contact number for directions: Bobbie Taylor (843) 821-5802

Thursday, August 3, 2017 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Greenville County Council Chambers
301 University Ridge
Greenville, SC 29601
Contact for directions: Jessica Stone (864) 467-7115

Tuesday, August 8, 2017 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Tri-Development Center West - (Aiken County Board of Disabilities)
5080 Jefferson Davis Highway
Beech Island, SC 29842
Contact for directions: Joan Lioi (803) 642-8812

Thursday, August 10, 2017 – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Pee Dee Center – Multipurpose Building, Multipurpose Room
714 East National Cemetery Road
Florence, SC 29506
Contact for directions: Susan Baker (843) 664-2618