

Home and Community Based Services – Waiver Settings Transition Project

Advisory Taskforce Meeting

March 9, 2016 – 10am to 12 noon

Minutes

Attendance: John Fenley, Cindy Robertson, Rosemary Simino, Deb Gaudreault, John Richards, Cindy Gaudreault, Deb Fournier, Mary St. Jacques, Linda Bimbo, David Ouelette, Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre, Ryan Donnelly, Richard Royse, Kaarla Weston, Cheryl Steinberg and Darlene Cray.

- Introductions
- Update – The state has been given until 4/30 to submit plan. Apologize if this process has not been as communicative as planned and may have caused concern. We will be working with provider groups to revise the plan based on public feedback.
- Public Comments – We have held 5 hearings in 40 days and continue to receive written feedback. DHHS needs to digest all comments and include responses in the plan. We apologize for the short timeline from release of plan to feedback. It clearly didn't give people enough time to give meaningful feedback therefore the timeline was extended as requested. A number of stakeholders requested to push back timeline for submission. We are not sure CMS will allow extension but Deb will ask and report back.
- Summary of STP Feedback – a summary of the themes of the feedback provided in the public comment meetings and received in writing was reviewed. ATF members discussed and provided additional feedback related to the themes.

Discussion: how to implement rules for HCBS rules for Medicaid people only, ARCH and NHHA opposed to applying rules to all settings under 804/805? What are cost implications? What exists in NH (rules, licensing, etc.) that already complies with HCBS rules? Does the Patient Bill of Rights cover the compliance issues? Regulatory review has been done but may need to review in relation to funding source. Small group to address questions. Perhaps include NHLA and DRC reps in small work group.

Will let this group know how many written comments and emails have been received as public comment.

- Going forward:
 - Work groups – work groups may be included in the plan and ATF members voiced their interest in participation:

- Rights booklet (DD/ABD) – John F, (People First) DD Council, SALT team (self-advocacy leadership team) – use videoconferencing when possible
- Lease/tenancy agreement (DD/ABD) – John E (Cr Mtn)
- Standardized forms (CFI) – Cindy G

Once the plan is submitted Mary will email members re areas we are looking for help with and will then form groups.

- This group will continue to meet monthly until STP formally submitted. Next meeting: April 13, 2016 – at IOD. We will reassess move to quarterly meetings at that time.