

## MFP Stakeholders Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/20/07 Time: 1 pm to 4 pm

Location: Pioneer Room, Judicial Wing, ND State Capitol, Bismarck

Documents Provided: Money Follows the Person Stakeholder Committee Binder

### Attendees:

#### Advocacy Groups/Consumers:

Helen Funk, ND DHS Aging Services, Ombudsman

Linda Wurtz, AARP

Teresa Larsen, Protection and Advocacy

Bruce Murry, Protection and Advocacy

Judie Lee, IPAT

Jim Moench, ND Disabilities Advocates

Leslie Stastny, ND Association for the Disabilities

Steve Bain, Family Member

DeEtt Ruggles, Bowman

Bob Puyear, Bismarck

### Housing:

Ann Pollert, Community Action

Wayne Glaser, ND Dept of Commerce, Division of community Services

Dwight Barden, Burleigh County Housing Authority

### Care Providers:

Shelly Peterson, ND Long Term Care Association

Barbara Murry, ND Association of Community Facilities

Sharon Klein, Long Term Care Social Workers of North Dakota

Tammy Theurer, ND Association for Home Care

Doug Wegh, Hettinger County Social Services

Diane Mortinson, Adult Services Community

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Steve Repnow, Independence Inc

Randy Sorenson, Options Resource Center for Independent Living

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Cherl Wescott, Vocational Rehabilitation

Linda Wright, Aging Services

Karen Tescher, Medical Services

Blaine Nordwall, Economic Assistance

Laura Olson, Medical Services  
Maggie Anderson, Director of Medical Services  
Sandy Arends, Regional Aging Services Coordinator  
Wanda Bye, Vocational Rehabilitation  
Barb Fischer, Medical Services  
Sue Foerster, Developmental Center  
Tess Frohlich, HCBS, Medical Services  
Robin Hendrickson, Developmental Disabilities

Governor's Office:  
Tami Wahl

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Maggie Anderson, Director of Medical Services welcomed committee members. Committee members introduced themselves and their interest in the grant.

Jake Reuter, MFP Grant Program Manager, reviewed the purpose of the Stakeholder Committee related to the development of the grant operational protocol. The submission deadline of 2/29/2008 was communicated to the committee.

2. Grant Overview:

Jake Reuter reviewed the components of the grant for the committee including the four primary objectives of the grant including:

1. Rebalancing: Increase use of HCBS
2. Eliminate barriers that prevent/restrict flexible use of Medicaid funds for Long Term Care in Home and Community Based Services
3. Assure continued provision of HCBS after 1-year transition period
4. Assure at least the same level of QA for MFP participants as available to other HCBS beneficiaries

3. Grant Timelines: Grant timelines were reviewed for the committee

4. Sue Foerster, Assistant Superintendent, Developmental Center provided a review of the Developmental Center's Transition Plan and a copy of the Transition Plan for all committee members. The goals established by the plan include reducing the population of the Developmental Center to 97 by 2009 and to 67 by 2011.

5. Tove Mandigo, DHS provided a report on the activities of the Olmstead Commission

6. The development of an MFP Website was discussed with the committee. Committee members agreed to allow their names and contact information to be included on the site. The goal is to be operational within one month.
7. Housing availability concerns within the state were discussed. CMS provided the Medicaid Primer for Housing Offices and Technical Assistance Guide for Housing Resources. It was also noted that a resource of ND housing resources has been developed by the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant committee. Tom Alexander will be contacted about this resource and any other work their housing task force has completed.
8. Barriers reviewed by the committee included staffing shortages, service availability, and service gaps.
9. The Money Follows the Person Grant Operational Protocol requirements were reviewed for the committee. The five subsections of the grant include Project Goals and Benchmarks, Implementation Policies and Procedures, Organization and Administration, Evaluation, and Final Project Budget.

The committee recommended that CMS's partner, Mathematic, be asked to provide a more specific list of the evaluation information that will they will provide to each state before a decision is made about additional evaluation activities. The data collected related to the success of the grant will be important for future decision making and legislative action.

10. Work Groups were developed by the committee to include Housing, Quality, Goals and Benchmarks, Nursing Facility Transition Policy and Procedures, and ICF/MR Policy and Procedures. Committee members volunteered for the workgroups of most interest to them. Committee Membership
11. Work Group Meeting dates:
  - Quality Group 12/17/07, 1pm-4pm, Polycom in Bismarck, Fargo, and Williston
  - Goals and Benchmarks: 12/07/07, 1pm to 4pm, Bismarck
  - Nursing Facility Transition Policy and Procedures: 1/7/08 1pm to 4pm and 1/8/08 from 9 am to 11:30 am, Bismarck
  - Housing: To be scheduled
  - ICF/MR Transition Policy and Procedure: To be scheduled

12. Next Stakeholder Committee Meeting Dates:

12/13/2007, 1pm to 4pm, Bismarck

1/08/2008, 1pm to 4 pm, Bismarck

2/19/2008 1pm to 4 pm, Bismarck

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