

MFP Stakeholders Meeting Proposed Agenda

November 19, 2008

Time: 1pm-4pm CST

Location: Pioneer Room: Judicial Wing- State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

1. Committee Members were welcomed to the meeting and thanked for the last year of service on the committee and members introduced themselves. The committee was made aware of the Jessica C.'s desire to sell her van and desire to remain on the committee.
2. The Committee's responsibility and four primary grant objectives were reviewed.
3. Alex Schweitzer reviewed the Developmental Center Task Force Plan and Activity. (See Copy of Transition Plan Attached)
 - As of 11/08 the Developmental Center has a census of 123 with 4 consumers also at the ND State Hospital.
 - The Care Team was developed to prevent readmissions to the Center by supporting service provider's efforts to provide needed supports. In April 2008 a request for services was issued with the goal of developing a Cares team in Western, ND.
 - Based on concerns with the current funding and sustainability of future funding for a second team the DHS Cabinet decided not to select a second provider for cares in Western ND. It was decided that the CARES Team at the Developmental Center will be enhanced to provide statewide services from a centralized location. The 09-11 budget requests will include additional staff resources of the CARES Team, to include the addition of 4 behavioral analysts for the statewide effort. The team is also researching whether to locate direct care staffing in the western part of the state through a contractual basis. The goal of increasing the number of behavior analysts is to help prevent readmission to the Developmental Center or maintain community residence.
 - Building capacity in the community is essential to long term success.
 - Individuals remaining at the DC are difficult to place at this time due to behavior and psychological issues. They need creative residential settings. These needs have delayed transitions.
 - Developmental Center staff and community providers will need to work cooperatively to successfully transition additional individuals to the community. The DHS Director Carol Olsen indicated that "We are in this together" and the Department is 110% behind the effort.
 - Population goals of the Developmental Center have been modified with the goal of 115 instead of 97 by 7/1/09 and 95 instead of 67 by 7/1/11.
 - Transitions plans for staff and
 - New Admissions to the DC are primarily students transitioning from school at this time. The task force has a subcommittee that is working on preventing admissions of this group to the DC. It is noted that most of

these admissions cannot be prevented due to the limited service options available to them in the community.

- Dianne S. of the ARC of North Dakota indicated that her organization is very interested in the success of the plan and recognizes that the issue is a difficult one. In addition she noted that it appears that the state has the right perspective on the issue and that she is optimistic that the Developmental Center population will come down with the cooperative effort of all involved with the process.
 - Carol Olsen reiterated the support of the Department of Human Services. She noted that the process will continue to be challenging and will take a cooperative effort by all involved to downsize the population of the Developmental Center.
4. The Committee was made aware that a new letter of MFP Eligible Residents was sent out to the Transition Coordinators and NF Social Services Staff in November. A copy of the letter was provided for the Committee members.
- Independence- One transition was successfully completed in Minot
 - Dakota- One transition occurred in Bismarck and one to occur in Garrison on in 11/08.
 - Options-Transition Coordinators are working with several consumers at this time.
 - Freedom-Currently contacting eligible consumers

Transition issues that have been identified to date:

- First transition did not meet the institutional LOC eligibility requirements
- Some relationships have been stressed related to notification of eligibility, difference of opinion about readiness for transition; family member concerns about notification of eligibility and talk of transitions.
- Shortened planning period for two participants have disrupted the developed planning process creating some challenges

Level of Care Issues needing to be addressed

- It has been determined that a provisional MFP Level of Care Screening would be completed prior to having a consent signed to assure eligibility
- A MFP Final LOC will be completed by the County Case Manager involved prior to all transitions
- ND MFP Project Office recommend a review of the Continuing Stay Review/Level of Care process utilized in ND
- Committee formed to review current process and make recommendations for improvement

The Committee was also made aware that the Minimum Data Set Version 3.0 is now scheduled for implementation on 10/1/09. Section Q of the assessment will require that all nursing facility residents be asked directly if they would like to speak with

someone to learn about the possibility of returning to the community to live and options for community supports and services. If the individual responds yes to the question the Nursing Facilities will be required to act on this request with care planning and referral. The Nursing Facility will be contact a designated entity in the State so that the individual can have their community transition possibilities and options for services and supports outlined. This will assist states with meeting the ADA and Olmstead requirements and to assure that all nursing facility residents are provide choices and options for services.

Supplemental Services money has been very well received by the individuals that have transitioned and their family members. The Dakota CIL Director shared a description of the excitement that family members have felt about the ability to purchase new things for the transitions.

5. Maggie Anderson, Director of Medical Services provided the Committee with a review of the items included in the DHS Budget and Optional Adjustment Requests.
6. Transportation was raised as a continuing issue in need of being addressed to support community transitions and ongoing community living. It was noted that DOT is working to coordinate regional transportation through the development of two pilot projects now with the hope of implementing a state wide process in 2011. The project will coordinate all Department of Human Services Transportation resources with the long term hope of coordinating all transportation resources in the area such as NF Van, School Buses, etc.
7. Future Committee meeting scheduling was discussed at length with alternative dates considered. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in May of 2009. Communication about Operational Protocol amendments will occur by email. Communication about legislative action will also occur by email with reference to legislation that supports the goals of the MFP Stakeholder Committee tracked by the Protection and Advocacy Office.
8. It was recommended that the Nursing Facility Transition Workgroup meet in early 2009 to review the transitions that have occurred and address any needed changes or issues that have been identified.
9. Quality Workgroup Meeting was held on 10/28/08
Reviewed the MFP Policy and Forms related to:
 1. Risk Mitigation
 2. Critical Incident Management (Mortality Review)
 3. 24-hour Backup ServicesAgreed that information on Critical Incidents and the Crisis Intervention service available should be sent to county case managers each time someone transitions from the NF

10. Statewide Education Plan (The MFP Questionnaire responses were provided to the Committee)

“Services in the Home” Planning Committee members are addressing:

- Increase Utilization of home and community based services
- Establishing short term and time specific goals and objectives (April 2009 with implementation by 7/09)
- Questionnaire Responses Forwarded to Education Committee for use in Developing Statewide Plan

11. Kidder County Update/Review of Plans with Benchmark Four Counties of Focus

- Kidder County has developed a Joint Services Brochure
- Jane Strommen, Community of Care of Rural Cass County discussed “No Wrong Door” Concept and service collaboration with Kidder, Oliver, Foster, Emmons, and Eddy county staff on 11/3/08
- Scheduled meetings with Sargent and Foster Counties were reviewed
- Plan to Offer Strategic Planning Process for each of the 10 counties was reviewed

12. Updated Gaps and Barriers/Action Plan summary documents were provided to the Committee. The Committee members noted that many of them will be working throughout the 2009 legislative session to work towards the passage of budgetary and OARs bring offered during the session.

- Housing Workgroup Meetings held on 10/27/08 and 11/14/08 were reviewed:
HOME Funds-Not an option for Tenet Based Rental Assistance in ND
Technical Assistance Call 11/14/08
Pat Tucker Program Associate, for the Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. of Chicago, IL
- The Housing workgroup is working to develop and support the ND Affordable Housing Act

The Committee was provided with a copy of the ND Affordable Housing Investment Fund Summary developed by the ND Affordable Housing Alliance. Committee members were provided with the information needed to provide letters of support or to join the Alliance.

- Affordable Housing Investment Fund Alliance
The North Dakota Affordable Housing Act
- Eligible activities include:
- New construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of affordable single family or multi-family residences that will address an unmet housing need.
- Gap assistance, down-payment assistance, matching funds, and accessibility improvements.

- Rental assistance, emergency assistance, or targeted supportive services designed to prevent homelessness.