

MFP Stakeholders Committee Meeting Minutes July 23, 2009

Time: 1pm-4pm CST

Location: Pioneer Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Information Provided: PowerPoint Presentation

1. Stakeholder Introductions were made.
2. The agenda was reviewed.
3. Discussion on committee members and how to get more people involved:
 - Family member of young man who transitioned home through MFP will be sharing her experience later on in the meeting
 - Explore the use of video networking for people who are unable to travel to the stakeholders' meetings
 - Hold small group discussions throughout the state
 - Explore the possibility of having a meeting either right before or right after the Department's stakeholder meetings this fall – these are held in the 8 regions throughout the state
4. Discussion on number of people who have transitioned and how many are currently in the process
 - Have 15 individuals who have signed a letter of intent to transition
 - Had 1 individual who returned to the facility and was discharged from the grant because he doesn't want to return to the community
5. It takes an average of 6-7 months to complete transition
 - Housing availability is biggest time factor
 - Health issues/concerns is a factor also
6. Jake said there has been discussion at the last CMS conference about extending the grant past 2011.
7. Discussion on the relationship between facilities and the Centers for Independent Living – communication is improving
8. Discussion on 2 projects for additional housing in Bismarck
 - Plan to open up an 8 bed ISLA facility
 - There is the possibility of another 5 bed facility
9. Discussion on changes in housing opportunities
 - New housing choice vouchers – 4,000 nationwide
 - 1,000 of the vouchers are for non-elderly persons with disabilities
 - Possibility of doing one statewide application for vouchers

10. There will be a housing conference in Bismarck on July 24, 2009.
11. Discussion on Benchmark #4 – 10 Counties of Focus
 - Availability of housing
 - Availability of transportation
 - Availability of support services
 - Public awareness is #1 need
12. Discussion on changes to Operational Protocol
 - Changes need to Benchmark #4
 - Changes needed to language because of renewal of DD waiver but no changes to services
13. Jake reported there have been no calls to the 24 hour backup nurse provided to grant recipients.
14. Larry Anderson from the Department of Commerce joined the meeting to talk about the workforce development strategic plan being developed by the state
 - Plan to have the strategic plan done by the first of the year
 - 30-50% of the current workforce will reach eligibility for retirement in the next year
 - Outmigration of youth still a concern
 - ND has a 75% labor force participation which means that there isn't a large untapped labor pool to recruit from
 - ND is 32nd in the nation on average general salary
 - 14,000 workers in the LTC industry – 17% are at retirement age
 - ND historically has not had a labor shortage problem until now
15. There will be a conference on September 17, 2009 on how technology can help DD individuals live as independently as possible.
16. Family member of a young man who was able to move home through the MFP grant joined the group to discuss her experience. She had to do a lot of searching on her own to find solutions. No one (doctors, nurses, therapists, LTC facility, county) told her about the options out there to enable her to bring her son home. No one told her about the QSP program and how to become one.
17. Possible ways to get the word out
 - Talk about becoming a QSP at CNA training
 - Jake could attend the Long Term Care Social Workers training this fall to discuss how to get the word out
 - Possibly contact the ND Board of Social Workers about giving a talk to get the word out

- Construct a packet to give out to people with a family member with TBI with information about the QSP program and availability of in-home services

18. Discussion on meeting the social needs of younger people. QSPs can't get paid to take them out into the community.

19. Jake will check on an alternate date for the next meeting. There are conflicts for several members on September 17th.

Meeting adjourned.