

MFP Stakeholders Committee Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2009

Time: 1pm-4pm CST

Location: Pioneer Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Information Provided: PowerPoint Presentation and Benchmark #3 proposed edits

1. Stakeholder Introductions were made.
2. The agenda was reviewed.
3. Committee purpose and responsibilities were reviewed
4. The need for new consumer/family stakeholders to participate on the MFP Stakeholder Committee was discussed. It was agreed that regional meetings in each of the four areas where the CILs are located would be scheduled to make this participation easier.
5. Benchmark #3 proposed edits were reviewed by the committee. Changes were discussed specifically related to the addition of the new behavior analysts to be hired by the Developmental Center CARES and for community capacity building. Four new behavior analysts will be hired and placed in locations around the State to assist community providers better meet the needs of individuals with more challenging needs. The goal is to increase the ability of the State to increase the number of persons that can leave the Developmental Center and prevent admission to the Developmental Center for others.

The DC Transition Taskforce has developed a committee to address the need to develop new models of service so that additional individuals can be transitioned from the Developmental Center. The addition of the new behavior analysts are a step in the right direction but are not the whole solution to serving additional individuals. It is noted that over the last year the Developmental Center's census has only decreased by 2 and has seen an increase in the number of individuals that are now at the ND State Hospital that need residential services. (Total of 8 at this time)

Concerns about serving folks in their local area were also discussed with it noted that all specialized serves will not likely be available everywhere in the State. Providing serves close to the Developmental Center for very specialized situations was noted to be a positive first step out of the Center with a long term goal of moving closer to their community of choice as that is possible.

6. Vicci Pederson of the Developmental Disabilities Division reviewed the changes that have been made to the Risk Assessment/Mitigation Planning Process that are part of the new waiver renewal. This included that the new process will be uniform for all providers and will be required for all 24 hour services with a shorter version for intermittent services to be developed. The purpose of the process is to identify and mitigate risk and not to prevent transitioning to less restrictive environments. This is not electronic at this point as it is in its early stages of implementation.

The Committee discussed the issue of dignity of risk as well as the responsibility to address health, wealth fare, and safety issues. The goal of developing a mitigation plan was emphasized as the purpose of the assessment and mitigation planning process. Risk is to be mitigated to the extent possible to optimize the success of the transitions. The new Risk Assessment and Mitigation plan will be included in the OP amendment process.

7. The new serious events investigation process that is also part of the new waiver approval was reviewed by Teresa Larson from the Protection and Advocacy Project. Questions and issues were discussed with the process to be included in the OP amendment process.
8. Linda Wright of Aging Services made the Committee aware that ND has been approved for a federal grant for the development of an Aging and Disabilities Resource Center. The grant was approved on 9/30/09 but will need to be processed by the Emergency Commission in 12/09 so that the money can be accepted. This is a three grant that will be implemented in Region 7 in Bismarck, ND. The goal is to be serving all the counties in the region by the end of the 3 years. The plan is to partner with Burleigh County Social Services, Senior Services, Independent Living Centers, hospital discharge planners, nursing facilities, and other agencies to implement a “No wrong door” approach and provide “options counseling” to assure that individuals are connected with all services needed to meet their needs.
9. Shelly Peterson of the Long Term Care Association provided information about an agency that provides remote monitoring of persons in their home. The Committee requested that arrangements be made to have the company representative make a presentation about the services at the meeting on November 17th. This will be set-up by Jake
10. Identification of the Gaps and Barriers to the provision of services in the community was discussed as a primary need to the MFP Grant process. Specific issues will continue to be brought before the Committee for review.
11. Housing efforts related to the upcoming HUD funding for additional housing vouchers was briefly reviewed with the plan for the Fargo Housing Authority to make one application for the State reviewed.
12. Direct Workforce Development /Talent Pipeline Mapping efforts were reviewed along with the plan for more strategic planning noted in the future
13. Benchmark #4 related to public education efforts and the 10 county processes were reviewed including the completion of the planning meetings for 7 of 9 counties noted. Education to County Case Managers and at various conventions was reviewed. It is noted that with the changes to the State Funded services and the placement of HCBS posters around the State an increase in SPED cases has been recorded.
14. Transitions to date

<u>Elderly/PD</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Achieved</u>
2007	0	0
2008	14	2
2009	24	10 (1 return to NF)

- | <u>MR/DD</u> | | <u>Goal</u> | <u>Achieved</u> |
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| 2007 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2008 | 5 | 3 | |
| 2009 | 8 | 2 | |
| Currently in Planning Process-5 | | | |

- | <u>Children</u> | | <u>Goal</u> | <u>Achieved</u> |
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| 2007 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2008 | 1 | 0 | |
| 2009 | 1 | 0 | |

15. Next meeting is set for the **Pioneer Room-Judicial Wing, State Capitol**, November 17, 2009
1pm to 4pm