

Notes from 1/24/2012

Redesign of Idaho Adult Services system Stakeholder Workgroup

Purpose of the meeting:

Confirm our understanding of what we want to accomplish with this process over the next year and develop a gameplan for how we will accomplish that

- **Why are we doing this process?**

Be proactive about developing a picture of the adult service system for people with developmental disabilities based on quality, continuity of services, choice and affordability to assist discussion and decisions by the legislature and the Department of Health and welfare.

Success would be that the legislature and department recognize and use this picture of the adult service system as the basis for policy and budget decisions in the coming years.

- **What do we mean by the adult service system?**

The services and supports provided to adults with developmental disabilities under the state's Medicaid program as well as vocational and employment services provided by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Commission for the Blind and school transition programs. We also recognize that adults with developmental disabilities access a variety of other programs.

- **What are the key questions we will answer to present a picture of an adult service system based of quality, continuity of services, choice and affordability?**

- 1) What do we want/believe that system should accomplish (what is success?)

- ... for a person who is served

- ... for other citizens/taxpayers

- 2) Who is eligible and how is that decided?

- 3) How are the supports and services identified to meet individual needs?

- 4) How is freedom of choice honored in the system?

- 5) How are people offered the opportunity to learn self-advocacy?

- 6) Who provides oversight of the system (developing regulations, monitoring implementation etc) and how is role carried out?

- 7) How is best practice education provided to direct support staff?
- 8) What is the role of families and other community supports like volunteers?
- 9) How do we make and keep the system sustainable in the new realities for Idaho?
 - ... What costs does the state have to pay in non-discretionary programs like medical care, institutionalization/hospitalization, law enforcement, corrections etc when this system can't meet needs?
 - ... How do we make and keep the system affordable (eliminate unnecessary rules, maximize efficiencies and effectiveness for best return on investment)?
 - ... How do we create a payment system to assure access to and sustainability of quality programs?
- 10) How can the adult service system accommodate the changing needs of individuals as they age?
- 11) How does the system support individuals when crises occur?
- 12) How does the system protect the rights of individuals?

- **How do we want to operate together to answer those questions?**

- 1) October is our target timeline for completion
- 2) We will get more information about the department's and legislators' participation in the next few weeks.
- 3) Meet again in mid-March to:
 - ... Incorporate legislators, department and others we identify
 - ... Discuss question #1 and questions #2
- 4) Preparation work by question subgroups
 - ... Bring forward thinking and ideas not just a recommendation
 - ... Ask what works and doesn't work now
 - ... Don't be limited by what exists now; ask what other states do; explore other possibilities
 - ...Involve others on the workgroup and beyond the workgroup
(Question #1 subgroup: ask each member of the workgroup to send in their answer to Question #1 for your subgroup to work with)
 - ... Send out something by email 7 days ahead of March meeting to frame the discussion on your question by the larger workgroup.
- 5) Question subgroup members:
 - ... Question #1: Trinity and Dawn
 - ... Question #2: Maureen, Lisa and Joann

6) Who else should we invite to participate?

...Inform VR, Commission for the Blind and Secondary Transition Council (for school transition) of the process, where we are at this point and our interest in having them involved at the right time/s: After the March Meeting

... IFAD: Dawn talk to Debbie

... Case Manager Association: Katherine talk to Shawn

... Certified Family Home providers: Bill ask John

... ICFID Association: Maureen resend letter and follow up