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RE:  Input on draft factors for SB 627

Without attempting to change the meaning, see attached tracked recommendations to these factors. As written they are extremely convoluted  with run on sentences and in some cases, very difficult to understanding. Since this had to be retyped, I did not include the assumptions under Factors 1 and 2. I also included comments on the side regarding some of the changes.

1. Ensures that all relevant~~appropriate~~ information and options are ~~is~~ provided in a clear objective way to the individual/guardian/resident/authorized/representative/family so an informed choice can be made regarding  the most integrated setting appropriate and available to meet the individuals needs. ~~as to whether this is the most integrated setting appropriate for the individual available in order to make na informed decision as to most appropriate for meeting the individual need~~s.

   > **Comment [HL1]:** Who determines what is appropriate, ver subjective.
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   > **Comment [HL2]:** The group was clear that the individual needs to have  a part in the decsuib,

2. ~~r~~Provides for and maximizes the indiv~~vid~~uals health, safety, and quality of life ~~which are maximized~~ in the chosen care setting.  ~~regardless of the individual's care setting~~

3. ~~P~~rovides full ~~and timely~~ access to~~to~~ comparable and appropriate services and supports in the care/residential setting (Training Center or community) ~~regardless ofr care setting or placement, including when transferring from one Training Center to another~~.

   > **Comment [HL3]:** If they have full access to comparable services, being timely is implicit.  I realize some may disagree on this point.
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4. Examines the cost differential, if any, of serving individuals in Training Centers versus the cost of serving individuals through the current ID and DD Waivers to determine if serving individuals in the Training Centers negatively impacts the ability of individuals with ID/DD to access services in the community.  ~~Increases, decreases or no impact on the current cost of serving individuals in a Training Center versus those served in the community through the current ID or DD Waiver.  And, if increased costs, does this option potential impact access to services for those in the community?~~

5. Realizes financial savings or minimizes the financial impact on the Commonwealth so that ~~Impact on the Commonwealth is either minimized or savings are realized, such that the~~ overall affordability of the care system is maintained or improved—rather than stressed. In addition, assures that ~~And~~ the processes of citing, permitting, security capital, and financing capital improvements to existing TCs or other residential options do not strain human and financial resources, or negatively impact other priorities.  ~~tax current staff and financial resources, impacting other prioritie~~s.

   > **Comment [HL4]:** Not  sure what other priorities refers to. It is vague; other system transformation priorities?

6. Increases, decreases, or is neutral with respect to the care setting's geographic proximity to the families of the individual being served; the integration of the care setting into the greater surrounding community; and access to the greater community similar to that of individuals who live in settings that are considered , on impact to individuals and families who elect to continue care in a training center as within reasonable geographic proximity to both their families and the facility is integrated into the greater surrounding community — providing access to the greater community similar to individuals who live in settings viewed as more integrated due to size or location within neighborhoods.

7. Provides the equivalent same type of livability as that available that is available for theto individuals without disabilities, including a quality non-disabled populations and a qualitative environment that supports which supports the individual and reinforces community inclusion and collaboration.