

TACIDD
Meeting Notes
April 19, 2013

ODS Updates

A Power Point presentation giving the details of the following updates is also located on the DBHDS website.

- Deb Smith updated attendees on the Training Center Discharge and Community Integration Project. There have been 103 moves through this date this fiscal year; 58 to group homes and 17 to sponsored residential services.
- Gail Rheinheimer updated the attendees on the Regional Support Teams: their composition, referral process, purpose and data.
- Betty Vines and Dawn Traver reported on the family mentor program and the upcoming grant application for a peer-to-peer mentor program.
- Lee Price stated that once the budget bill is signed 573 ID Waiver slots will be distributed to the CSBs for assignment. There are also 130 new DD Waiver slots.
- Lee reported on the results of the workgroup addressing Children in Nursing Facilities.
 - A recommendation was made by a TACIDD member that one thing that is really needed is education for social workers at university settings about community services (rather than assuming that nursing facilities are the only options for children who are medically fragile. There was some discussion about the potential for collaboration for VOPA, The Partnership for People with Disabilities and the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities.
 - Another suggestion was the development of a one sheet fact sheet on resource for doctors to give families at the birth of a child with significant disabilities.
- Lee reported that although an “exceptional rate” of 25% above the customary rate was approved by the General Assembly for Congregate Residential Support under the ID Waiver, DMAS/DBHDS must seek CMS approval and develop emergency regulations prior to implementation, making October 1st the earliest possible implementation date. This rate will be available to all eligible individuals exiting training centers as well as those currently residing in the community.
- Cindy Gwinn reported that the Individual Family Support Program has been launched.
 - As of this date, 241 applications have been approved, \$490,981 has been allocated, 45 applications are pending the receipt of additional information, 32 applications were denied (for reasons such as requesting more than the per person limit, not being on the waiting list or requesting items or services that were clearly not covered.
 - DBHDS is receiving 75 – 100 applications per day. 20% of the requests are from individuals on the DD Waiver waiting list. Applications are coming from all parts of the state.
 - The Arc of NOVA reported that the feedback they are hearing is that more individuals/families are willing to get on the waiting list now that there is some “incentive.”
 - A recommendation was made to share the positive stories/out-of-the-box-thinking items requested on the website.
- Bob Villa updated the attendees on START.

- Dr. Beasley, our consultant from New Hampshire, has completed her quarterly report and it should be available next week on line.
- As of 3/31, 350 people statewide have been accepted into the program, including 45 with ASD. 42% are from group homes, 35% are living with their families.
- Bob requested that people let him know if they experience/hear of anomalies such as a person not being accepted, greater than a 3 hour response time or other concerns.
- HPR IV and V have experienced unforeseen delays in the opening of their respite houses. HPR V is considering the temporary use of a vacant SEVTC cottage.
- Regarding crisis services for children, there is \$1.2 million in the FY14 budget. It may be that the best role for START is with the 16 years old and older individuals. Children and Family Services have some mental health money for crisis so the two offices are exploring the use of a combined pool of ID/DD and MH money.
- Adam Sass gave the employment update.
 - There has been an interagency employment workgroup, made up of agency representatives from all departments mentioned in Executive Order 55 (the Employment First order) to promote Employment First, which has led to discussion between agencies regarding definitions, funding etc.
 - There have been 133 new enrollees in the past 4 quarters (as of January) in integrated employment. The target for next year is 162.
 - Also in the past 4 quarters 75% of individuals have remained employed in an integrated work setting. The target for next year is 85%
- Lee provided the update for independent living options (housing).
 - The Department's housing plan is on the website.
 - A rental subsidy demonstration project is planned for Fairfax County and Virginia Beach. This will be a 3-year project to provide rent subsidy for 10 units per area, in order to help those currently receiving Congregate Residential Supports or residing in an institutional setting to find their own apartments and receive supports through ID or DD Waiver In-home Residential Supports. It is hoped that this will show a cost neutral or savings so that it may be expanded to other regions. Pre- and post-move monitoring is progressing satisfactorily.

The next TACIDD meeting is scheduled for **June 21, 2013**, 10 AM – 2PM, at the Henrico Area Mental Health and Developmental Services on Woodman Road, Glen Allen.