
	
	Meeting Topic: MFP Housing Work Group
	Date: June 6, 2007
	Time: 1:00-3:30pm
	Location: Lazarus Building Room B601

<b>Meeting Attendees:</b>	Pam Patula, Julie Johnson, Peggy O’Neil, Debbie Leasure, Michael Wilson, Mike Compton, John Sommer, Jim Sary, Dianne Pfaff, Marti Goetz, Mike Corbett, Heidi Crabtree, Janet Hofmann, Becky Streif, Peggy Martin, Brock Robertson and Kim Donica
<b>Purpose of Meeting:</b>	MFP Housing Work Group

## AGENDA ITEMS:


Time	Topic	Discussion Lead
10 minutes	Welcome and Introductions	Kim
30 minutes	Discussion of ideas generated from San Diego Trip	Brock
60 minutes	Regional Collaboratives -Definition -Goals	Brock
30 minutes	Operational Protocol	Kim
10 minutes	Questions	Kim
10 minutes	Next Steps-follow-up, agenda for next meeting	Kim

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## Meeting Notes:

**San Diego-**Brock and Debbie shared with the group their experiences from their recent trip to San Diego. They along with Janet Hofmann, ODA and Les Warner, ODOD participated in a technical assistance conference around housing for states that had been awarded MFP grants. Debbie and Brock indicated most states have similar issues to Ohio i.e. long waiting lists for subsidized units and a lack of dollars to create new housing programs for MFP participants. They indicated there was discussion around states using potential savings to the Medicaid program that result because of MFP, for housing. (see comments on topic below in Bob Mollica section). In addition, states who have been doing MFP projects for several years talked about their success with developing regional collaboratives to address housing issues. Brock is following up with Texas and Pennsylvania to schedule conference calls so we can learn more about their experiences. It is hoped these calls will happen soon and information will be passed on to the group at the next meeting. In addition, there was discussion about PHA's changing their local preferences to include MFP participants. This is a strategy Ohio has discussed and is pursuing. Brock mentioned he was speaking at the OHAC Directors meeting this week to educate them about MFP. The use of permanent supportive housing for MFP participants was also discussed at the meeting. This is something Ohio has not really considered. Kim and Brock are meeting with Sally Luken from the Corporation for Supportive Housing to determine if this is a realistic strategy for Ohio. If the meeting proves promising, Sally will be invited to come to a work group meeting to explore the concept further. Debbie and Brock indicated Les Warner from ODOD indicated it may be possible for ODOD to set aside some HOME funds for tenant based rental assistance for MFP participants if ODJFS could put up some match money. This concept is being discussed internally at ODJFS and will be pursued further with ODOD but this may be a way to fund the bridge subsidy program for MFP participants. There are restrictions around the use of HOME dollars as they can only be used for 24 months of rental assistance. It is thought if HOME funds could provide funding for 24 months then funds from potential cost savings to Medicaid could be used to support the person until a permanent voucher is found. There would need to be support from the legislature, ODOD and ODJFS for this to occur.

**Housing insights from Bob Mollica-**Bob Mollica from the National Academy of State Health Policy spoke last week at the MFP Planning and Advisory Meeting. He talked briefly about housing and gave several suggestions for things Ohio might want to look at. First he talked about the concept of states using potential State GRF savings that may take place as a result of MFP, for housing. He directed states to a paper he wrote that discusses this further. This paper is available on the ODJFS MFP website. In order for this to be a potential revenue stream for


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<p>housing funding there would need to be the political will of the legislature to set aside funds. Group thought it may be helpful to look at projections of cost savings and compare this with how much subsidy a person might require. The suggested formula for this was contained in Bob's paper and would require some work by someone familiar with this type of analysis. If this appears to be a realistic strategy obtaining assistance to complete analysis will be pursued. Bob also indicated State Medicaid Agencies have the ability to exempt portions of individual's income as part of the financial eligibility for Medicaid prior to their admission to a NF in order for the person to maintain their housing in the community. States can also exempt a portion of a NF resident's income to allow them to save money to use to secure housing upon discharge. These both would require changes in the Medicaid State Plan and will be discussed internally by ODJFS Medicaid eligibility policy staff.</p>
<p><b>MFP Website</b>-The website is up and running. It includes agendas, meeting minutes, group rosters and other pertinent information for all the MFP work groups. Brock will send out the link to all work group members.</p>
<p><b>MFP Legislative Briefing</b>-The legislative briefing on MFP is scheduled for June 13, 2007 from 8:30 to 9:30 at the Riffe Building 31<sup>st</sup> floor. All work group members are encouraged to attend. Brock will send out an e-mail with agenda and other information regarding event to all work group members.</p>
<p><b>Regional Collobratives</b>-Reviewed draft definition and goals. Discussed not duplicating efforts in local communities but rather building on existing infrastructures. In many areas of the state there are housing coalitions already in place. Need to identify where these groups are geographically and identify if there is a disability presence in group. In other areas of the state a group may need to be developed from the ground up. CIL's may be helpful in educating housing groups about the housing needs of people with disabilities however the CIL network is not statewide. Discussed our work groups role would really be to help the group develop capacity so it can impact decision making. Janet H indicated she is familiar with a template that is used for developing colloboratives around transportation. She indicates it may helpful for this purpose too. She will send to Kim and Brock for review. Julie Johnson volunteered to re-work definition and goals based on today's discussion. Work group members were asked to look to their own communities to determine if there are existing housing coalitions and how they are organized and who participates. Brock distributed lists of statewide groups and the areas they serve that should be a part of any housing collaborative. These included: ODOD Housing Specialist Territories, Centers for Independent Living, MH non-profit housing developers, OHAC directory, USDA field offices, MR/DD non-profit housing developers, and Area Agencies on Aging. In addition</p>

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<p>group discussed adding fair housing professionals to the group. Heidi from ODOD indicated that communities who receive funding from them have to do a CHIS (Community Housing Improvement Strategy). She states this document may be helpful in identifying potential partners for the housing collaborative. Brock to meet with Heidi to discuss this concept further.</p>
<p><b>Operational Protocol-Deadline</b> for operational protocol approaching. Ideally we will have our section of the operational protocol written and our strategies around housing developed by the end of July. This information would then be presented to the Inter-Agency Steering Committee and the Planning and Advisory Committee for review. During the next meeting the operational protocol requirements will be reviewed in detail along with all agreed upon short-term and long term strategies around housing.</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting-June 20, 2007 Room B601-Bridge line info to be forwarded closer to meeting date.</b></p>

Action Item	Person Responsible	Deadline
Schedule conference calls with Texas and Pennsylvania to learn more about their regional housing collaborative.	Brock	6-20-07
Discussion regarding potential cost savings to Medicaid and use of those funds as match \$ for tenant-based rental assistance for MFP participants. Follow up with ODOD regarding use of HOME funds.	Kim and Brock	7-11-07
Discussion with ODJFS eligibility policy staff regarding allowing individuals to keep more of their income to maintain housing when entering a NF and saving more of their money once in a NF to secure housing upon discharge.	Kim and Brock	7-11-07

	
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E-mail link to MFP website to work group members.	Brock	6-10-07
E-mail info regarding legislative briefing to work group members.	Brock	6-10-07
Re-work definition and goals of housing collaborative.	Julie J.	6-20-07
Identify housing coalitions in own community, how they are organized and who participates.	All work group members	6-20-07
Meet with Heidi at ODOD to discuss CHIS.	Brock	7-1-07