
	
	Meeting Topic: MFP Housing Work Group
	Date: July 25, 2007
	Time: 1:00-3:00
	Location: Lazarus Building Room B601

Meeting Attendees:	Ron Rett, Jim Sary, Julie Johnson, Peggy O'Neil, Don Emerson, John Sommer, Jeanette Welsh, Mary Butler, Debbie Leasure, Mike Compton, Michael Wilson and Kim Donica.
Purpose of Meeting:	MFP Work Group


AGENDA ITEMS:

Time	Topic	Discussion Lead
5 minutes	Welcome and Introductions	Kim
10 minutes	Conference Calls with Texas and Pennsylvania	Brock
15 minutes	Regional Collaboratives	Brock-Julie
15 minutes	Qualified Residence Table	Kim
60 minutes	Strategies	Brock
15 minutes	Questions, Wrap up, Next Steps	Kim

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Meeting Notes:

<p>Conference calls with Penn and Texas-The conference call with Pennsylvania is scheduled for 7-31-07 at 10:00 am. All work group members are invited to listen in. Details about call-in information will be sent out on Monday. The call with Texas has not been scheduled yet. Work group members will be notified as soon as it is. List of questions to ask each state revised to include questions about: the participation and level of involvement of people with disabilities in the collaboratives, the role of the regional coordinator in providing testimony in both local and state wide planning process (PHA and Consolidated Plans) and the role of the regional coordinator in monitoring plans. Thanks everyone for your input!</p>
<p>Regional Collaboratives-The most recent version of the regional collaborative document was reviewed. Several suggestions about additional changes were given. It was felt we needed to add additional emphasis on community integration into the definition. Mary Butler suggested the wording be changed so it is clear that the collaborative is disability driven, and that participation by people with disabilities is key to the collaborative. It was also suggested we add language about the role of the collaborative in educating the community as a whole about the needs of people with disabilities. Goal 2 was re-worded to read <i>“To empower people with disabilities to impact the allocation of local resources for housing, services and transportation.”</i> Goal 3 was re-worded to read <i>“To improve understanding at the state and local level of barriers to achieving integration for person with disabilities in their communities and initiate activities to remove those barriers.”</i> Goal 4 was re-worded to read <i>“To serve as a vehicle for people with disabilities and advocates to participate in local and state housing, transportation, workforce and community planning.”</i> Julie Johnson will revise document based on today’s input.</p>
<p>Qualified Residence Table-Work on table continues. Still need to obtain information about ODJFS homes for kids and ODMH licensed homes. Kim Donica will work on ODJFS information and Jeanette Welsh will obtain ODMH information. It was decided to include a note around #1 (A residence owned or leased by an individual or individual’s family member) to indicate this would include MR/DD supported living situations. Question regarding capacity still not answered. We will not have an opportunity in today’s call to ask, it will be submitted to CMS separately.</p>
<p>Strategies- Discussed presentation of strategies to the Planning and Advisory Group. Those in attendance felt strategies were well received. Concern was expressed that changing financial eligibility (allowing consumers to keep more of their personal money) for Medicaid would</p>

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impact providers. After discussion, group members assume this change would be absorbed financially by ODJFS not the providers. Pending issues were discussed. Strategy related to shared living arrangements was revised to read “*To address ways of supporting shared living arrangements (e.g., home sharing) for interested MFP participants as a way of reducing living expenses*”. Group felt it was important that the strategy in no way insinuated consumers would be forced to have roommates if they didn’t want one, or that the motivation is about reduction of service costs. Further discussion is needed regarding pending issue # 2; Janet Hofmann will provide the group with a brief summary of USDA Rural Housing programs that may be important resources for people with disabilities. Debbie Leasure will work on revising the strategy about tax credit properties as she feels strongly it needs to be more specific. The strategy around the Residential State Supplement program remains pending. Once the strategies are revised the new strategies will need to be presented to the Planning and Advisory Group. Question regarding the specificity of strategies remains unanswered. This will be submitted to CMS.

CMS Conference Call: The CMS conference call on housing was held from 3:00-4:30. Illinois, Indiana and Connecticut presented very basic, general information on their housing activities. Two notable items: *Indiana* is using \$1 million in state funds for a rental assistance program that is focused on preservation of project-based Section 8 housing. They are assisting MFP participants in elderly housing (202 properties) with expiring HUD rent subsidy contracts and vacancy rates of 20% or higher; rents are negotiated for each person. *Connecticut’s* plan includes a focus on helping housing providers improve their lease-up rate.

The August 8th meeting is canceled. We will meet again on 8/22/07

Action Item	Person Responsible	Deadline
Questions/call information for PA to workgroup	Kim/Brock	7/30/07
Revise regional collaborative document.	Julie Johnson	8/22/07
Gather info about ODJFS homes for kids.	Kim	8/22/07
Gather info about ODMH licensed homes.	Jeanette Welsh	8/22/07
Submit questions to CMS	Kim	8/1/07
Revision of tax credit property strategy	Debbie Leasure	8/22/07
Revision of Strategies Document	Kim	8/22/07