
	MEETING MINUTES
	Meeting Topic: <i>Rebalancing Work Group</i>
	Date: March 22, 2007
	Time: 10:30 – 12:30
	Location: State Office Tower, Room 2781

Meeting Attendees:	<i>Dolores Blankenship, Mary Butler, Julianne Johnson, Beverley Laubert, Sara Abbott, Linda Lane, Karen Langer-Gault, Kathleen Anderson, John Alfano, Chris Murray, Christine Kozobarich, Steve Mould, Jane Taylor, Chris Kenny, Judy Patterson, Mike Schroeder, Deborah Nebel, Deborah Clayton, Julie Evers, Lisa Walsh, Erika Robbins, Peter VanRunkle, Nancy McAvoy</i>
Purpose of Meeting:	Ohio MFP Demonstration – Kickoff of Rebalancing Work Group

AGENDA ITEMS:


Time	Topic	Discussion Lead
15 minutes	Check In – introductions, agenda, meeting purpose	Facilitator
20 minutes	Overview of Ohio’s MFP Demonstration framework and MFP organization (handout - fact sheet)	Work Group Lead
20 minutes	Work Group Purpose, Goals, and Tasks (handout – charter) <i>Work Group Name?</i>	
20 minutes	Determine additional ground rules and meeting schedule/logistics	Facilitator
15 minutes	BREAK (if needed)	-----
60 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion points for next week’s Planning and Advisory Group meeting 	Work Group Lead
15 minutes	Questions and Feedback	Facilitator/Lead
15 minutes	Check Out – action items, next agenda	Facilitator

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Meeting Notes:

The group brainstormed issues for the purpose and goals of the group. These will be finalized when the Planning and Advisory Group has provided more guidance. The results of the discussion are on the following pages.
The workgroup charter document was discussed and will be finalized as the purpose and goals are developed.
A future meeting schedule will be proposed – with meetings 2 times per month to start. The next meeting will be scheduled following the Planning and Advisory Meeting.
Discussion points for the Planning and Advisory Group Meeting were discussed. Getting to shared understanding of vision and direction is the goal of that discussion. The discussion items are on the following pages.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Deadline

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Meeting Discussion Points:


Material recorded during discussion:

What is our purpose?

- Redesign the system
- Allocation of resources in the long term care system for Medicaid
- “Rebalancing” the Long Term Care System – what does that mean?
- Access Issues and Choice – how to create access and meaningful choice
- Getting to a system that supports choice for consumers
- What drives resource allocations in the system?
- Developing a flexible system
- A system that acknowledges the variety of needs for consumers
- What is the entitlement and what are the choices in services?
- Build on Ohio Access
- What is the universe of services included for “rebalancing”
 - what state plan services?
 - waiver services
- Inclusive discussions that avoids silos
- Access and the front door/entry point for services
- Procedures and processes that maintain choice
 - the timing for presenting choice
 - processes that don’t take so much time that choice is not realistic
- What are the system issues and processes that impact choice?
 - does the system create barriers?

Key Tasks:

- Data/Research
 - who identifies needs and reviews information?

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- Market issues around providers
 - does the market offer sufficient opportunity for choice
 - resource assessment
- Identify provider incentives around creating community choices
- Understand why the system is utilized the way it is – what drives the system today?
- What is Long Term Care?
 - Services are used for long term supports and for shorter term rehabilitation – what is the system being reformed?
- Use of reimbursement systems (capital dollars) to create incentives for types of facilities

Ground Rules – to be added to charter document:

- Equal Representation
- Continuity
- If consensus cannot be reached – one vote per organization/stakeholder group
- Be up to date on issues so the group does not need to revisit issues

Vision and Values Discussion Points for the MFP Planning and Advisory Meeting:


- What is community character?
 - how to define integration
 - who is defining integration and community character? – consumers or policy makers?
- What does MFP really mean?
 - is it cost neutral, cost effective or what? is that determined in the aggregate or by person?
 - what is covered?
 - want vs. need
- What does Rebalancing mean?
- What does consumers direction mean”

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- What does continuum mean?
 - cycles, progression, need changes
 - array of choices
- How do we describe and develop the “choices”?
- Resources balanced with expectations
 - consumers needs/expectations
 - constraints
- What are the options for meeting needs?
 - constraints – what are they? when do they apply? and how are they applied?
- How is choice and risk balanced against health and safety
- Ownership/choice issues for consumers
- What do we mean by a flexible system?
 - what is flexibility in the system?
 - flexibility in the context of changing needs?
- There is tension created when there are various funding streams when multiple systems are involved
 - challenges in integrating funding to support choice
 - issues created by where funding is controlled
- Challenges for supports in a “Medicaid” controlled system for non-medical/Medicaid covered needs
 - Institutional services include funding for room and board that is not covered in a community setting
 - Community services that fit the Medicaid model
- System Capacity
 - what is needed?
 - what do we mean by system capacity? types of providers, certifications...

Issues:

- Unified Budget

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- what is included?
- who is involved?
- how to connect the discussions?
- how to phase in a unified budget
 - by population
 - by geographic area with all populations included
- How do the various workgroups connect?
 - identifying issues that may overlap
 - determining which groups are looking at issues