
	Minutes
	Meeting Topic: MFP Services and Self-Direction Workgroup
	Date: Friday, March 30, 2007
	Time: 1:30-4:30 pm
	Location: ODMR/DD Administrative Offices 1601 West Broad Street Multi-Purpose Training Room

Meeting Attendees:	Work group members – see sign-in list
Purpose of Meeting:	Ohio MFP Demonstration – Services and Self-Direction Workgroup – Begin Defining Services and Provider Specifications

AGENDA ITEMS:

Time	Topic	Discussion Lead
15 minutes	Check In/Housekeeping – introductions, agenda, meeting purpose	Sue Fredman
45 minutes	Brainstorming Session to define Independent Living Skills, Peer Support, Benefits Coordination and Housing Locator Services	Roger Fouts
10 minutes	Break	
40 minutes	Brainstorming Session to define Independent Living Skills, Peer Support, Benefits Coordination and Housing Locator Services (continued)	Roger Fouts
10 minutes	Break	
45 minutes	Brainstorming Session to define Independent Living Skills, Peer Support, Benefits Coordination and Housing Locator Services (continued)	Roger Fouts
15 minutes	Check Out – action items, next agenda	Sue Fredman

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Meeting Notes:

Attendees included: Roger Fouts, Sue Fredman, Alan Cochrun, Gary Collins, Dom Frissora (replacing Mike Compton – OHCA), Diana Kubovcik, Pat Luchkowsky, Maria Matzik, Shirley McGlone, Christina Miller, Terry Moore, Kathryn Remer, Jan Sennett, Judy Stang (on phone), Marcy Ungar and Rosemary Walton.

General Housekeeping: New members were present and introductions were made. Minutes from 3/9/07 meeting were approved.

Today's meeting consisted of **initial** brainstorming activities around two services: Housing Locator Services and Peer Support, with the intention of beginning to identify what these services should consist of, who should provide them and who should not. It is a work in progress.


Housing Locator Services, as proposed in the SFY 08/09 budget will be limited to \$1,000.

- What is housing? Does it mean helping someone to move from one institutional setting to another? Is it a step down from current housing situation to a non-institutional setting that consists of no more than four people? Assisted living? An apartment? A relative's home? Congregate care setting of no more than four unrelated people? RSS?
- Consumer choice should be a value in housing location – the consumer should have a choice of feasible options.
- Housing should be both safe (not in high crime area) and affordable (by HUD standards).

What is housing locator services? Assistance with moving; transportation to see what's available; assistance with completing applications; assistance with choice of housing options; gathering documents for application; integration/finding a roommate to share expenses; housing assessment to determine what consumer needs; and identifying what else is important when finding housing, i.e., proximity to place of worship; laundry facilities and other amenities; identification and assessment of ADA needs; assistance with understanding ongoing eligibility requirements related to public housing (i.e., inspections, etc.); reeducating consumers about how to live in the community; mediating/liasing between the consumer/housing authority/landlords etc; help in determining if housing can have animals, etc.


Who does housing locator services? Independent social workers; agencies; family members; peers; case managers; metropolitan housing authorities; private care coordinators; advocacy organizations; churches; non-profit housing coordinators; people over 18; people able to access community resources; people who pass criminal records check; people whose knowledge base consists of housing advocacy skills, demonstrated knowledge of community systems and the community-at-large; driver's license/proof of insurance.

Who doesn't provide housing locator services? Owners of housing complexes or individual

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housing for whom there could be a conflict of interest; POAs. If the system does this task, maybe they should be able to access housing locator services.
<p>Peer Support Services – What is Peer Support? Caregiver support and service management, resource connection, transition planning and readiness; service coordination, supports brokerage; linkage to the community that is provided by someone who has a similar perspective based on experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is there a better name? Community Support, Transitions Support, Natural Supports, Informal Support, Community Transition Informal Support? Some terms mean different things in different systems. ○ Family support is similar to what a family member would do. ○ Peer Support includes resource connection, linkages, mentoring (i.e., a real peer/similar circumstances/experience – past or current); advocacy, companionship (social/emotional); coaching; someone who may know the pros/cons of the consumer’s experience; may be fluid; navigation through the “system”; assistance with routine planning of supports/needs (buses, finding a church/doctor/housing, etc); liaison to caregivers/systems; <p>Who performs Peer Support? CILS/Easter Seals/community entities; Brain Injury Association; AAAs; aging and disability resource network; individuals and family members; advocacy organizations and associations; natural supports; case managers from other systems.</p> <p>Who shouldn’t perform Peer Support? Anyone for whom there would be a conflict of interest; case managers; CBsMR/DD; other paid service providers identified on the care plan; and anyone who can benefit personally/financially.</p>
Questions: 1) How will Medicaid Buy-In affect MFP? 2) What is the timeframe of the service?

Action Item	Person Responsible	Deadline
ODJFS shall use its regular Wednesday a.m. internal rules meeting to meet with workgroup representatives from ODJFS, ODA and ODMR/DD to begin crafting draft definitions and policy regarding Housing Locator Services and Peer Support.	Sue Fredman to coordinate.	
Secure location for June 15 Workgroup meeting.	Sue Fredman	

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Action Item	Person Responsible	Deadline
Next meeting: April 20, 2007 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. ODMR/DD Administrative Offices 1601 West Broad Street Multi-Purpose Training Room		