



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals

October 2012 Report to the Developmental Disability Council

Update/Progress on Agency Initiatives

New Opportunities Waiver (NOW)

Opportunities Allocated	8,832
Recipients Linked and Certified	8,421 as of 9/10/12

- BHSF and OCDD are working to implement spend-down in the NOW. The anticipated implementation date is 11/1/12.
- The reimbursement rate for Individual and Family Support (IFS) services was reduced by 1.5% effective 7/1/12.

Children's Choice Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	1,475 (including 425 opportunities reserved for children who meet state-funded family support priority level 1 or 2)
Recipients Linked and Certified	1,362 (includes 344 opportunities filled by children who meet the above stated priority group) as of 9/10/12

- As a result of the budgetary shortfall, the service cap per participant was reduced from \$16,660 to \$16,410 per plan of care year effective 8/1/12.
- BHSF and OCDD are in the process of working with CMS to complete the renewal requirements for the Children's Choice Waiver, which is set to expire on 2/21/14. BHSF and OCDD submitted an evidence report to CMS on 6/1/12 to describe how the State has implemented a quality management strategy for the waiver. We expect to receive CMS' response to our evidence report by 10/15/12.

Supports Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	2,050
Recipients Linked and Certified	1,801 as of 9/10/12

- BHSF and OCDD are in the process of working with CMS to complete the renewal requirements for the Supports Waiver, which is set to expire on 6/30/14. BHSF and OCDD plan to submit the evidence report describing how the State has implemented a quality improvement strategy in the waiver to CMS by 10/15/12.
- The reimbursement rate for all Supports Waiver services, except Personal Emergency Response System, was reduced by 1.5% effective 7/1/12.

Residential Options Waiver (ROW)

Opportunities Allocated	210
Recipients Linked and Certified	27 as of 9/10/12

- BHSF and OCDD are in the process of working with CMS to complete the renewal requirements for the ROW, which is currently set to expire on 9/30/12. BHSF and OCDD submitted the renewal application to CMS on 6/28/2012; however due to questions from CMS an extension has been requested until 12/31/12.
- BHSF and OCDD added spend-down provisions in the renewal application, which is pending CMS approval.
- The reimbursement rate for all ROW services, except Personal Emergency Response System, Environmental Accessibility Adaptations, and Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies, was reduced by 1.5% effective 7/1/12.

Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	825
Recipients Linked and Certified	672 as of 9/17/12

- BHSF and OAAS worked with CMS to renew the ADHC Waiver, which was set to expire on 6/30/12. CMS approved the renewal application on 6/29/12.
- The reimbursement rate for ADHC services was reduced by 1.5% effective 7/1/12.

Community Choice Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	4,803 (includes 75 opportunities reserved for the ALS priority group and 200 emergency waiver opportunities)
Recipients Linked and Certified	4,442 as of 9/17/12

- The reimbursement rate for Personal Assistance Services was reduced by 1.5% effective 7/1/12.

Money Follows the Person

- Since fall 2009, approximately 363 individuals have transitioned through the MFP program. Year-to-date, approximately 67 individuals have transitioned from qualified institutions (hospitals, nursing facilities, developmental homes).
- The Department is collaborating with the Louisiana Housing Corporation to apply for the HUD Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities Program. If awarded, this funding would aid in expanding integrated supportive housing by leveraging mainstream affordable housing, Medicaid, and related community-based support services resources, and to ensure people with disabilities most in need can access these new housing opportunities.
- Medicaid continues to collaborate with OBH and work with CMS to leverage the 1915i state plan amendment into the MFP demonstration, thereby adding the BH population. The anticipated implementation date is 12/1/12.

Self-Direction

- There are currently 248 individuals participating in the self-direction option, as of 9/30/12.
- BHSF and OCDD implemented an online training curriculum for self-direction employees on 5/12. The results indicate the curriculum is user friendly as all employees successfully completed the courses on the first attempt.
- BHSF and OAAS are working with Acumen Fiscal Agent to develop an online training curriculum for self-direction employees. We anticipate the online training will be available by 11/12.
- BHSF is also working with Acumen to develop an online training course for self-direction participants to assist them in learning about their employer responsibilities. This optional training will complement the Self-

Direction Employer Handbook which was developed through contribution and feedback from participants and families to ensure the information was easy to understand and addressed the participant's perspective.

- BHSF is in the process of amending the Acumen contract to add funding for an additional 1,609 participants. We anticipate the contract will be sent to the Division of Administration for approval by 10/15/12.

Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership

- The CSOC waiver enrollment totaled 532, as of 8/31/12:

Region/Parish	Participant Count
Jefferson Parish	52
Region 2 (Capital area)	118
Region 7 (Alexandria area)	68
Region 8 (Shreveport area)	152
Region 9 (Monroe area)	142

- From 3/1/12 through 8/31/12, 40,525 adults and 32,408 children received behavioral health services through the Medicaid State Plan.
- Magellan's provider network includes 2,421 providers, as of 8/31/12:

Active Providers by Region/District/Authority	
Metropolitan HSD	387
Jefferson Parish HSD	232
Capital Area HSD	402
South Central Louisiana HSA	132
Region 4	300
Region 5	112
Region 6	162
Region 7	230
Region 8	171

Status of Council Recommendations to Agency

Objective 6.1: Access to quality medical services for individuals with developmental disabilities will increase.

Activity 6.1.1 Advocate for Coordinated Care Network (CCN) policies to ensure people with developmental disabilities have access to adequate health care services.

Status: BHSF, OCDD, and OAAS are working to develop a delivery model that will allow greater coordination of care and assure access to appropriate services.