



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals

Bureau of Health Services Financing

July 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 6/21/12

- An amendment to the NOW to provide eligibility to individuals in the community with income over the medically needy income standard was submitted to CMS on April 18, 2012. CMS approval is pending at this time.

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 390 opportunities filled by children who meet the above stated priority group) as of 6/21/12

- CMS approved the waiver amendment to add self-direction as a service delivery option, specialized medical equipment & supplies, and alternative therapy services on June 13, 2012.
- MVA 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 February 21, 2014. MVA and OCDD submitted an evidence report to CMS on June 1, 2012 to describe how the State has implemented a quality management strategy for the waiver.

Supports Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	2,050
Recipients Linked and Certified	1,801 as of 6/21/12

Residential Options Waiver (ROW)

Opportunities Allocated	210
Recipients Linked and Certified	27 as of 6/21/12

- MVA and OCDD are in the process of working with CMS to complete the renewal requirements for the ROW, which is set to expire September 30, 2012.

Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	825
Recipients Linked and Certified	660 as of 6/21/12

- MVA and OAAS are working with CMS to renew the ADHC Waiver, which is set to expire on June 30, 2012. The renewal application was submitted to CMS on February 16, 2012. MVA and OAAS responded to CMS request for additional information on April 23, 2012 and June 13, 2012. CMS approval is still pending.

Community Choice Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	4,803 (includes 75 opportunities reserved for the ALS priority group and 200 emergency opportunities)
Recipients Linked and Certified	4,374 as of 6/21/12

- CMS approved an amendment to add 200 emergency opportunities to the Community Choices Waiver on April 13, 2012.

Money Follows the Person

- Since fall 2009, 328 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 (specifically: OAAS, OBH, OCDD, and Medicaid) is collaborating with the Louisiana Housing Corporation, who is applying for

HUD's Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities Program. These Section 811 reforms are intended to promote a national expansion of integrated supportive housing by fostering partnerships among state housing and health and human service agencies to leverage 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. These target populations are:

- Persons participating in the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Demonstration Program
 - Persons receiving home and community-based waiver services and/or state plan services
 - Persons receiving Medicaid State Plan services for the treatment and rehabilitation of behavioral health conditions
 - Persons who are homeless and have a disability (as defined in Section 811 statute)
- To date, over 393 Quality of Life surveys have been completed, providing CMS with important information about the impact of community living on participant lifestyles.
 - Medicaid continues to collaborate with OBH and work with CMS to leverage the 1915(i) state plan amendment into the MFP demonstration, thereby adding the BH population.

Self-Direction

- There are currently 239 recipients participating in the self-direction option, as of June 21, 2012
- MVA, OCDD, and OAAS have developed an online training curriculum for self-direction employees. The go-live date for OCDD was May 15, 2012; the go-live date for OAAS is anticipated to be August 2012.

Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership

- As of June 15, 2012, the CSoC enrollment is 366.
 - Jefferson Parish Human Service Authority: 19
 - Region 2 (Capital area): 90
 - Region 7 (Alexandria area): 48
 - Region 8 (Shreveport area): 135
 - Region 9 (Monroe area): 74
- As of June 6, 2012 Magellan's provider network includes:
 - 571 facilities;
 - 107 groups; and
 - 472 individual licensed practitioners

Status of Council Recommendations to Agency

Objective 3.3: The number of people in private ICFs/DD per capita in Louisiana will decrease to reach the national average through the transition of people to home- and community-based services.

Activity 3.3.1 Advocate for

- changes to the rate structure of the Residential Options Waiver to encourage private ICF/DD providers to convert their beds so individuals can transition to waiver services,
- a Money Follows the Person (MFP) policy to allow residents of private ICFs/DD to obtain waiver services, and
- the MFP grant program to target residents of private ICFs/DD.

Status: BHSF and OCDD met to discuss issues relative to the presentation of the proposal during the session. After due discussions with the leadership in the Department, a joint decision was reached to withdraw the legislation. The Department's legal section believes these goals can be achieved without the legislation. The Department is very committed to moving forward with Money Follows the Person in the conversion of the ICF beds.

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: MVA, OCDD, and OAAS are working to move non-waiver services under the Bayou Health managed care system. This move will allow waiver recipients the opportunity to receive the expanded benefit package offered under the Bayou Health program. The original implementation date of July 1, 2012 has been postponed until further notice.