



# State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals

## July 2013 Report to the Developmental Disability Council

### Update/Progress on Agency Initiatives

#### **New Opportunities Waiver (NOW)**

Opportunities Allocated	8,832
Recipients Linked and Certified	8,492 as of 5/31/13

- BHSF and OCDD are working to implement spend-down in the NOW. The anticipated implementation date is 9/1/13.

#### **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	1,254 (includes 378 opportunities filled by children who meet the above stated priority group) as of 5/31/13.

- 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 to describe how the State has implemented a quality management strategy for the waiver. CMS found the State to be in compliance with all quality assurances.

## Supports Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	2,050
Recipients Linked and Certified	1,669 as of 5/31/13

- 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 submitted an evidence report to CMS describing how the State has implemented a quality improvement strategy in the waiver. CMS found the State to be in compliance with all quality assurances.

## Residential Options Waiver (ROW)

Opportunities Allocated	210
Recipients Linked and Certified	27 as of 5/31/13

- BHSF and OCDD received approval from CMS to renew the ROW for a five year period effective 7/1/13.

## Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	825
Recipients Linked and Certified	649 as of 06/10/13

## Community Choice Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	4,803
Recipients Linked and Certified	4,381 as of 06/10/13

## Permanent Supportive Housing Services

- The amendment to add Permanent Supportive Housing services to the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW), Children's Choice Waiver, Supports Waiver, and Community Choices Waiver has been approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). These services will assist participants in securing and maintaining housing and is expected to be available beginning 8/1/13.

## Money Follows the Person

- Since fall 2009, approximately 614 individuals have transitioned through the MFP program. Year-to-date, approximately 141 individuals have transitioned from qualified institutions (hospitals, nursing facilities, developmental homes).

## Self-Direction

- There are currently 308 individuals participating in the self-direction option, as of 6/5/13.
- BHSF is planning to reconvene the self-direction advisory group, which will include participants and family members participating in the self-direction option, for the purpose of receiving feedback and recommendations on current and future processes and procedures.

## Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership

- The CSoC waiver enrollment totaled 915, as of 6/14/13:

Region/Parish	Participant Count
Jefferson Parish	199
Region 2 (Capital area)	180
Region 7 (Alexandria area)	111
Region 8 (Shreveport area)	217
Region 9 (Monroe area)	208

- We are currently preparing for statewide expansion of the CSoC waiver to include the Lafayette, Thibodaux, Lake Charles, and Hammond regions. This expansion is pending approval from CMS.
- Magellan's provider network includes 2,338 providers, as 6/14/13:

Active Providers by Region/District/Authority	
Metropolitan HSD	484
Jefferson Parish HSD	284
Capital Area HSD	454
South Central Louisiana HSA	157
Region 4	336
Region 5	141
Region 6	176
Region 7	244
Region 8	186
Florida Parish HSA	296

## **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

**Status:** BHSF and OCDD continue to evaluate barriers to conversion.

- the MFP grant program to target residents of private ICFs/DD.

**Status:** Completed as of August 2011.

**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.

**Objective 6.3:** Louisiana recipients of waiver services aged 22 and older will have access to dental services.

**Activity 6.3.1** Advocate for the New Opportunities Waiver and Supports Waiver to be amended to include dental services.

**Status:** BHSF and OCDD will explore the feasibility of adding dental services to the New Opportunities Waiver and Supports Waiver.