



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals

April 2013 Report to the Developmental Disability Council

Update/Progress on Agency Initiatives

New Opportunities Waiver (NOW)

Opportunities Allocated	8,832
Recipients Linked and Certified	8,505 as of 3/11/13

- BHSF and OCDD are working to implement spend-down in the NOW. The anticipated implementation date is 7/1/13.
- BHSF and OCDD submitted an amendment to CMS on 2/8/2013 requesting to add Housing Stabilization and Housing Transition services. It is currently pending approval from CMS. The anticipated implementation date is 7/1/13.

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	1,274 (includes 371 opportunities filled by children who meet the above stated priority group) as of 3/11/13.

- 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 on 6/1/12 to describe how the State has implemented a quality management strategy for the waiver. We anticipate receiving CMS' final report by 4/1/13.

- BHSF and OCDD submitted an amendment to CMS on 2/8/2013 requesting to add Housing Stabilization and Housing Transition services. It is currently pending approval from CMS. The anticipated implementation date is 7/1/13.

Supports Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	2,050
Recipients Linked and Certified	1,695 as of 3/11/13

- 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 describing how the State has implemented a quality improvement strategy in the waiver to CMS on 10/25/12. We anticipate receiving CMS' final response by 4/1/13
- BHSF and OCDD submitted an amendment to CMS on 2/8/2013 requesting to add Housing Stabilization and Housing Transition services. It is currently pending approval from CMS. The anticipated implementation date is 7/1/13.

Residential Options Waiver (ROW)

Opportunities Allocated	210
Recipients Linked and Certified	28 as of 3/11/13

- 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 12/31/12. A request for an extension until 6/30/13 is pending CMS approval.

Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	825
Recipients Linked and Certified	668 as of 03/05/13

Community Choice Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	4,803
Recipients Linked and Certified	4,322 as of 03/05/13

- BHSF and OAAS submitted an amendment to CMS on 2/8/2013 requesting to add Housing Stabilization and Housing Transition services. It

is currently pending approval from CMS. The anticipated implementation date is 7/1/13.

Money Follows the Person

- Since fall 2009, approximately 570 individuals have transitioned through the MFP program. Year-to-date, approximately 48 individuals have transitioned from qualified institutions (hospitals, nursing facilities, developmental homes).
- The Department, in collaboration with the Louisiana Housing Corporation, was awarded the HUD Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities Program grant. This funding will aid in expanding integrated supportive housing by leveraging mainstream affordable housing, Medicaid, and related community-based support services resources, to ensure people with disabilities most in need can access these new housing opportunities. The awards were announced February 12. Medicaid collaboration continues with OBH and CMS to bring in the behavioral health population through the 1915i state plan amendment.

Self-Direction

- There are currently 275 individuals participating in the self-direction option, as of 3/11/13.
- 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 723, as of 3/1/13:

Region/Parish	Participant Count
Jefferson Parish	129
Region 2 (Capital area)	148
Region 7 (Alexandria area)	104
Region 8 (Shreveport area)	171
Region 9 (Monroe area)	171

- Magellan’s provider network includes 2,646 providers, as 2/18/13:

Active Providers by Region/District/Authority	
Metropolitan HSD	450
Jefferson Parish HSD	278
Capital Area HSD	430
South Central Louisiana HSA	153
Region 4	327
Region 5	137
Region 6	178
Region 7	232
Region 8	179
Florida Parish HSA	282

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.