

**OAAS Report to  
Developmental Disabilities Council**

**New HCBS Waiver Approved**

The new Community Choices Waiver was submitted to CMS in late August. CMS approved the CC Waiver with an implementation date of January 2011. To provide time to implement new processes as well as training for providers the targeted begin date is April 2011.

The Adult Residential Care (Assisted living) waiver is still under review by CMS but indications are that they will not approve. OAAS has declined to withdraw the waiver request.

**Medicaid HCBS Services Update**

**Current Recipients (11/30/10)**

- ADHC Waiver – 699
- EDA Waiver – 4,125
- LTPCS – 12,010
- PACE -235

**Waiting Lists (11/30/10)**

- ADHC – 877
- EDA – 18,681

**Money Follows the Person Demonstration**

OAAS has received 239 referrals for My Place Louisiana (Money follows the Person) since October 2009. Fifty-nine (59) persons have transitioned into OAAS services and seven (7) transitioned declining services stating that they did not need or want EDA waiver services once housing was secured for them to transition. One of the seven elected to just keep LT-PCS services and declined the EDA waiver.

Supplemental Funding has been approved for direct funding of transition moving costs, training of SC's and Direct Support Providers, and administrative staff.

## **THI/SCI Program**

OAAS is considering whether legislation is needed to amend the statute to clearly define eligible (or approvable) services.

The program is currently serving 554 individuals with 379 on the waiting list. We are currently working on filling vacancies on the Advisory Board, validating the waiting list, authorizing client service plans, and establishing a resource center.

## **CFS/SPAS**

OAAS and ARC of Louisiana are jointly reviewing consumer POC's to identify consumers who are eligible for waiver services.

## **Consumer and Family Services**

Nineteen (19) consumers are currently receiving services through CFS. Consumers represent a wide range of diversity in terms of disability, including acquired brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke, visual impairment, muscular dystrophy, and individuals with multiple disabilities.

Aside from case management, primary services are rental assistance and personal care services. One each receives a medical stipend and diapers, respectively. Five individuals receive case management as the only service. Funding for direct services through the CFS program for SFY 2010-2011 is \$248,560. It is anticipated that 100% of the funds will be expended by June 30, 2011.

## **State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS) Program**

Currently ten (10) consumers are receiving services through SPAS. Funding for SPAS for SFY 2010-2011 is \$171,827. Expenditures for this program are estimated at \$4,665 per week based on prior year expenditures. It is anticipated that 100% of the funds will be expended by June 30, 2011.

## **Lifespan Respite Grant**

The Lifespan Respite Grant has been approved by the joint legislative committee for budget spending authority. The next step is to contract with a director to manage the program.

## **Provider Rates**

As of this date, EDA and ADHC waiver rates are not being reduced at this time. LTPCS and PACE rates were scheduled to be cut 5.8% and 3.09% respectively.