

**OAAS Report to**  
**Developmental Disabilities Council**  
**March 2011**

**Status of Community Choices Waiver Implementation**

Work continues to implement the new waiver, which will replace the EDA Waiver. The current target date for implementation is June 6, 2011. Major activities needed to implement include:

- Development of guidelines for use of the new services
- Training of support coordinators
- Revamp of regional office roles/responsibilities
- Outreach to additional providers
- Development of final rates and programming by the Medicaid fiscal intermediary of the billing and procedure codes for the new services

Implementation will coincide with implementation of the new Support Coordination Monitoring systems developed jointly by OAAS and OCDD under the Systems Transformation Grant.

**Medicaid HCBS Services Update**

**Current Recipients (3//22/11)**

- ADHC Waiver – 754
- EDA Waiver – 4308
- LTPCS – 11,671
- PACE -248

**Waiting Lists (3/24/11)**

- ADHC – 819
- EDA – 18,014

### **Money Follows the Person Demonstration**

OAAS has received 352 referrals for My Place Louisiana (Money follows the Person) since October 2009. Seventy (75) persons have transitioned into OAAS services and an additional 133 are in the “pipeline”.

### **Traumatic Head Injury/Spinal Cord Injury Program**

The program is currently serving 499 individuals with 400 on the waiting list. The Board has approved establishing a resource center with the Brain Injury Association of LA. OAAS identified consumers who were receiving duplicate support coordination services and is eliminating the duplication. This will allow us to take about 200 new participants off the waiting list. Expected start date to begin reduction of the waiting list is April 1, 2011.

### **Community & Family Supports/State Personal Assistant Services**

OAAS and ARC of Louisiana are jointly reviewing consumer plans of care to identify consumers who are eligible for waiver services

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.

### **Lifespan Respite Grant**

The Lifespan Respite Grant has been approved by the joint legislative committee for budget spending authority. A contract has been secured with DOMORE, LLC for Tiffany Rutledge will serve as the Project Coordinator.

### **Executive Budget**

There are no cuts to HCBS provider rates in the Executive Budget for FY 12. Major budget impacts on OAAS are:

A reduction of \$125,000 in the Community & Family Support and SPAS funds. FY 2011-2012. We are working with the ARC of LA to identify recipients who can be shifted to other funding sources and to make other adjustments to avoid anyone losing services.

Reductions in personnel in OAAS state and regional offices totaling 26 positions.

Privatization of the John J. Hainkel, Jr. Home and Rehabilitation Center.