

OAAS Report to Developmental Disabilities Council

July 2011

Waiver and LTPCS

Current Recipients (May 31, 2011)

- ADHC Waiver – 780
- EDA Waiver – 4,336
- LTPCS – 12,755
- PACE -254
- THI/SI—540
- CFS—25
- SPAS--9

Waiting Lists (May 31, 2011)

- ADHC – 748
- EDA – 19,030
- THI/SI—415
- CFS/SPAS--93

Money Follows the Person

The number of participants who have transitioned in the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Project is 99. Individuals in the application process are 123. MFP is advertising Transition Coordinator positions in Regions II and IV and will continue to post positions across the state until all nine are filled.

THI/SI Trust Fund

The number of participants in the THI/SI Trust Fund is 540. There are 415 people on the waiting list. OAAS is in the process of offering services to participants on the waiting list. The contract for the THI/SI Resource Center was approved on June 6, 2011. The contract is with the Brain Injury Association of Louisiana. The Resource Directory will be online July 1, 2011.

Community and Family Support and State Personal Assistant Services

- The number of participants in the Community and Family Support Program is 25 and the number receiving services in the State Personal Assistance Services is

9. The number on the waiting list is 93 (combined CFS and SPAS). Efforts have been made in the past few months to decrease costs while maintaining services for consumers.

- 13 of those on the waiting list are in the nursing home. In the process of offering participants on the waiting list an EDA waiver.

The ARC of Louisiana will have their contract renewed to continue providing services, however the contract will be with Louisiana Clinical Services (a consortium of hospitals) as part of the Low Income Needy Collaborative. The funds will be used as match by Medicaid and payments will be made by Louisiana Clinical Service to the ARC. OAAS will continue to manage the contract through an agreement with Louisiana Clinical Services.

Implementation of CC Waiver

The implementation of the CC Waiver has been delayed until October 1, 2011 due to the complexity of programming the necessary information on new services and new providers into the Medicaid claims payment system. CMS has extended the expiration date of the EDA Waiver until September 30, 2011. **Adult Residential Care Waiver**

OAAS resubmitted the Adult Residential Care Waiver to CMS on May 26, 2011. CMS has indicated verbally that they will not approve, however DHH made the decision to resubmit and require CMS to provide a formal denial of the application. CMS position is tied to the proposed 1915 (c) rule recently published which placed limits on provision of waiver services in certain settings. DHH and several states and national aging organization opposed this provision of the rule as it denies Medicaid recipients options that are available to senior citizens who can afford to pay. While the rule is well intended, many aging organizations believe as written it would ultimately force more people into nursing homes by limiting assisted living and senior housing as waiver options.

Legislative Session

Cuts were restored in HB1 to approximately the level of funding in the Administrative Budget.

HB 642 has a significant impact on provision of home and community based services. It provides for new medication administration by direct support workers, it changes the Direct Support Worker Registry to a registry that will post negative findings only, and it

requires DHH to prepare a plan to address certain provider issues which have resulted in frequent audit findings in HCBS services.

HB 86 was passed and enhances criminal penalties for sex-related crimes of the elderly and people with disabilities.

HCR 88 requests that the La. State Law Institute evaluate current terminology and recommend new terminology when referencing persons with disabilities in La. Law. OAAS and OCDD will work with La. State Law Institute on this study resolution.