

## **OAAS Developmental Disabilities Council Report January 2012**

### **Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Update**

On October 1, 2011, elders and individuals with adult-onset disabilities began receiving services under the new, more flexible Community Choices Waiver. OAAS is continuing to seek to improve the service array by exploring new services options being used in other states. OAAS will also be seeking approval from CMS to include assisted living services in the Community Choices Waiver.

#### Current Recipients (12/15/11)

- ADHC Waiver – 715
- EDA Waiver – 4,408
- LTPCS – 13,352
- PACE - 277

#### Waiting Lists (12/15/11)

- ADHC – 1,490
- EDA – 25,305

As a result of programmatic changes, including but not limited to SHARe (resource allocation) an additional 5,000 individuals have been served home and community based services over the past two fiscal years, with no increase in nursing home admissions.

To date, there are 26,795 individuals on the waiver (CCW and AHDC) waiting lists. From the total 26,795 individuals on the waiver waiting lists, approximately 30 % are currently receiving at least one other HCBS service.

### **Quality in HCBS**

- Health Indicators (HEDIS and ARHQ) demonstrate that on all measures for which we have data, Home and Community Based Services perform as well or better than nursing facility services.

#### **Health Indicator Measures:**

- Preventable hospitalizations:
  - Dehydration
  - Pneumonia

- Urinary Tract Infection
- Breast and cervical cancer screening

### **Money Follows the Person (My Place Louisiana)**

MFP is a critical tool in the effort to rebalance the long-term care supports and delivery system. In recognition of the substantial barriers to transition that many residents face, OAAS is hiring of transition coordinators to assist support coordinators and OAAS regional staff to work with residents to overcome these barriers. Eight of the nine regional positions are filled and the final one is anticipated to be filled by January 15, 2012. Transition Coordinators will deliver waiver offers to residents referred by nursing home ombudsmen; assist in housing searches for those residents needing housing to transition; provide Technical Assistance to assist support coordinators in all components of transition; and make follow-up home visits throughout the first year of transition to address any problems that may arise which threaten the success of the transition to the community.

To date, 146 individuals have transitioned back to the community and another 99 transitions are currently in progress.

### **State Personal Attendant (SPAs)**

For the remainder of FY 2012, The SPAs program's budget will increase by \$100,000 with one-time funds that came from the legislature by way of DCFS. Funds will be used to provide services to individuals on the waiting list.

### **Adult Protective Services**

Adult Protective Services (APS) is responsible for investigating and arranging for services to protect adults with disabilities at risk of abuse, neglect, exploitation or extortion. One recent success story involves a woman who has a visual impairment blind and an intellectual disability. She has two children and was living with her godparents. The household income is SSI disability. APS has been trying to assist client in leaving the current situation due to financial exploitation and neglect. She was coerced into staying in the home to be a caregiver to the godmother. As of December 8, 2011, she has moved out of the home and into an apartment with her cousin and she is now on a waiting list for her own apartment where she and her children can live with supports.