

Agenda
Self-Determination/Community Inclusion/Housing Committee
October 17, 2012
3:15 p.m.

- 3:15 – 3:20 Welcome and Introductions – Donna Breaux
- 3:20 – 4:10 Review and discussion of current advocacy activities (see attached list) – Donna Breaux
- 4:10 – 4:30 Consideration of New Ideas by Council Members for FFY14 Plan – Donna Breaux
- 4:30 – 4:40 Feedback/Suggestions on Statements for Website – Sandee Winchell
- 4:40 – 4:50 Families Helping Families Payment for Deliverables – Sandee Winchell
- 4:50 – 5:00 Announcements/Other Business – Donna Breaux

Self Determination/Community Inclusion/Housing Advocacy Activities

Answers needed for each activity:

- Is the outcome achievable this year or next? If not, recommend removal from the plan.
- If the outcome will be achieved, but not until FFY14 or FFY15, and no Council action is necessary this year, indicate the timing of the projected activity.
- If the outcome is achievable this year:
 - Who is responsible for the advocacy action?
 - Who are the targets of the Council's advocacy efforts?
 - What exactly needs to be done?

Objective 2.1 The quality of waiver services in Louisiana will improve through the development and implementation of a comprehensive home- and community-based services plan.

Activity 2.1.1 Participate in the further development, implementation, and monitoring of the plan mandated by Act 299 of 2011.

Objective 2.2 Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) serving Louisianans with developmental disabilities will receive competitive compensation.

Activity 2.2.1 Participate in and monitor activities of the Act 299 workgroup for

- the starting DSP compensation level to be at or above the national average and
- the dedication of a certain percentage of the HCBS rate to DSP costs (based on provider cost reports).

Objective 2.3 DSPs serving Louisianans with developmental disabilities will display a minimum skills set and have access to a graduated certification process with corresponding compensation increases.

Activity 2.3.1 Advocate for

- the development of a (or use of existing) comprehensive and evidence-based training curriculum and certification for DSPs statewide and
- the implementation of graduated pay increases for DSPs to correspond with performance on a graduated certification process.

Objective 3.1 4,000 people on the waiting list will begin receiving home- and community-based services by educating stakeholders, policy makers and the public about the waiting list and needed systems reforms.

Activity 3.1.3 Advocate for systems change initiatives, revenue generating strategies, policies and practices needed to expand supports and services.

Objective 3.2 Admissions to developmental centers will cease by increasing access to behavioral and medical intervention in the community and the discontinuation of people adjudicated into developmental centers.

- Activity 3.2.1** Advocate in collaboration with the Advocacy Center for
- additional short-term emergency placement for behavioral and medical stabilization and
 - increased capacity of the HCBS system to address the needs of individuals with behavioral and medical support needs

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, and
 - the MFP grant program to target residents of private ICFs/DD.

Activity 3.3.3 Collaborate with the Community Living Ombudsman Program (CLOP) on the implementation of the MFP initiative.

Objective 3.4 The number of people at large public residential facilities will decrease thirty percent through transition to home and community-based services.

Activity 3.4.1 Advocate for residents of the Special Education Center to be added to the Developmental Center pool of waiver slots.

Activity 3.4.2 Collaborate with OCDD to inform families of Special Education Center residents about home and community-based services options.

Activity 3.4.3 Provide information to the Department of Education and BESE on home and community-based services.

Objective 5.1 3,500 individuals with developmental disabilities will receive (Act 378 of 1989) state-funded supports.

Activity 5.1.1 Oversee implementation of, and advocate for, the continuation of the Community and Family Support System Plan.