

MFP – Idaho Home Choice: **All Stakeholder Workgroup Meeting**

Date 02/06/2012

Time 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM MST

Stakeholders Present: Shannon Epperley, Robbi Barrutia, Tammy Ray, Robin Sosin, Mark Wasserman, Mary Jo Butler, Dana Gover, Jean Christensen, Angie Eandi, Heidi Lasser, Peg Munson, Tim Gerlitz, Amanda Grafe, Jennifer Arnold, Kent Knigge, Hope Brackett, Jason McKinley, Pam Mason, Mary Brown, Theresa Hoffman, Sandra Scheffert, Mike Taylor, Eva Blecha, Karen Vasterling, Sandy Gurdinger, Sister Anthony Marie Grieving, Ruth Gneiting, Lisa Burt, Susan Cronquist, Scott Burpee, Melanie Belnap, Dean Nielson, Martha Tanner, Marcie Young, Natalie Peterson

Committee members absent: Trina Balanoff, Matt Wappett, Sara McDaniel, Fawn Bell, Mark Leeper, Brian Dale, Eric Kingston, Chuck Williams, Shane Robinson, Aaron Thain, Kelly Marang, Ken Warden, Jim Baugh, Deana Gilchrist, Debbie Johnson

Topic	Presenter	Discussion	Action/Outcome
Idaho Home Choice Overview	Tammy Ray	Tammy gave an overview of the Idaho Home Choice Money Follows the Person Program	If anyone would like a copy of the PowerPoint, please call Tammy Ray.
Idaho Home Choice Updates	Tammy Ray	Tammy gave an update on the current status of the Idaho Home Choice Benchmarks	Total Transitions for 2011 were 4 Total Transitions for 2012 are 1 We met Benchmark #'s 2, 4, and 5 No data is available for Benchmark #3
Budget Updates	Tammy Ray	We did expend the Planning Grant and spent \$194,086 of the larger grant. \$19,971 was Qualified HCBS expenditures.	The remainder of our 2011 money will be rolled over into 2012 and we made a total budget request for 2012 of approximately \$2.6 million
Transition Successes	Tammy Ray	2 individuals have transitioned from ICF/IDs, 1 Transitioned out of a SNF and 1 out of an IMD in 2011. We have had 1 Transition in 2012 out of an ICF/ID 3 are on the A&D Waiver and 1 is on the DD Waiver 3 went to Certified Family Homes, 1 went to a family members home, and 1 went to their own apartment	
Barriers	Tammy Ray	Affordable housing is still a barrier to transitioning. Another barrier that has been identified is that marketing and outreach has not been as robust as we hoped it would be.	We have additional training opportunities available in February and in March for all of the SNFs and Hospitals. We are also developing a web-based self-paced training that should be live in March.
Supplemental Grant	Robbi Barrutia	Supplemental Grant is for \$400,000 and it will be used to solidify the ADRCs. The partners are the SILC, ICOA, and Medicaid. The Centers for Independent Living will also be involved by identifying core competencies for Options Counseling. The other goals of the grant are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased Screening, Identifying, and Assessment tools for MFP participants</li> <li>• Provide Options Counseling not only for MFP and</li> </ul>	

		<p>Medicaid participants but also for those who are not on Medicaid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen infrastructure to facilitate transitions</li> <li>• Provide education, outreach, and marketing to state agency staff and nursing home staff</li> </ul> <p>Robbi also mentioned that the SILC is working on employment outreach for those with disabilities through the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant.</p>	
Housing and Transition Services Money	Natalie Peterson	<p>IHFA will write for the 811 Rental Assistance for Non-Elderly Adults with Disabilities, MFP, and Medicaid. The RFP will be released in the next couple of months by HUD.</p> <p>Natalie also spoke to some of the glitches that have been discovered early on in the program that we are currently working on solutions for.</p> <p>Transition Services money has also been used to pay for rent deposits, rental applications, and rental background checks. She would also like stakeholders to encourage the use of Transition Management and Services so the participants can receive the full benefits of the program.</p>	<p>Medicaid will be a partner by entering into an agreement with IHFA. The written agreement must identify the target populations to be served by the project; set forth methods for outreach and referral to receive the project rental assistance; and make available appropriate services for tenants of the project. More information will be available soon.</p>
Comments and Questions	Scott Burpee	<p>Scott commented on the fact that all of the NED vouchers in Pocatello are so backed up that as soon as they do become available they are used immediately. There is still a shortage and a long waiting list of 9 months to a year. Also those in an IMD will have a mental illness diagnosis but the benchmarks do not reflect that we are targeting the Mentally Ill.</p>	<p>Natalie explained that each category that we did target may include a mental illness diagnosis as well. We looked at what programs the individual would access to help determine the population that we were targeting understanding that there may be co-existing diagnosis involved.</p>
	Heidi Lasser	Housing Meeting	<p>Heidi will provide information to an upcoming Housing meeting that Idaho Home Choice could staff could attend.</p>
	Dr. Martha Tanner	<p>Dr. Tanner wanted to clarify that the participant did not have to have a DD or PD to participate in the Idaho Home Choice program.</p>	<p>Natalie clarified that the benchmarks were set from a programmatic stand point and that depending on the nature of the person's disability they can still access the program according to their assessed need.</p>
	Mary Jo Butler	<p>Mary Jo wanted to clarify that the person does not have to meet the NFLOC to access the program</p>	<p>Natalie clarified that they did not have to meet NFLOC but could also be on the Medicaid Enhanced Plan to access IHC services.</p>
	Heidi Lasser	<p>Heidi wanted to know what the initial intent of the grant was.</p>	<p>Initially the grant was about cost savings but the remarkable increase in the quality of life of the participants and the choice it gives to individuals</p>

			is also a reason why the grant has been reauthorized. Long term savings should be achieved after the demonstrations are completed.
	Eva Blecha	<p>What type of Transportation problems are occurring?</p> <p>How do Transition Managers find out about Certified Family Homes?</p> <p>Did we send out brochures?</p>	<p>Robbi explained that transportation has always been a problem for those wanting to live independently. In rural areas it is more difficult to access transportation. She explained that transportation will always have to be addressed.</p> <p>A list is provided monthly to the IHC project manager from the CFH program manager. All those individuals who are in that step of the active transition process have identified housing.</p> <p>We did send out letters to all Medicaid participants or their guardians who currently reside in institutions. We also sent out brochures to all Skilled nursing facilities and have had training for SWITC staff. We will be training SHS next week. We sent out letters to all nursing home administrators as well.</p>
	Dana Gover	Dana discussed a barrier to making rentals accessible due to Medicaid not paying for Home Modifications in rentals.	Dana would like us to consider looking at the policy on doing home Modifications for rental units sometime in the future and having an agreement with the landlord that the rental would only be available to disabled individuals.
		IHC Timelines	Transition Managers can begin working with the participant 90 days pre-transition. Usually the discharge planner is actively working on the transition already. We have not put a timeline on how long a transition should take. Target dates do move frequently. The participant does not have to start over.
	Tracy Sessions	SHS has been notifying IHC of those who have been in the facility 90 days. The participants with Mental Illness could benefit from living in a CFH.	We have to open our minds to an appropriate placement and CFHs may be appropriate.
Website	Tammy Ray	Tammy Gave information for the IHC website. All of the IHC forms can be accessed from the website. We also have all of our brochures and marketing materials available on the website	It can be accessed at <a href="http://idahohomechoice.dhw.idaho.gov">idahohomechoice.dhw.idaho.gov</a> or from the main Idaho Health and Welfare website under the "I" on the index.

Stakeholder Involvement	Group	<p>Tammy thanked the stakeholders for their involvement and help they have provided during development and implementation and would like the stakeholders to decide how they would like to be involved in the program going forward.</p>	<p>Identify major barriers and stress that those groups become more involved in the program. Including housing and outreach and marketing. Housing agencies have to be aware of the right to ask for a reasonable accommodation. We will continue to have All Workgroup calls. We will keep the one scheduled in February and then schedule one for June. Going forward the calls will be scheduled quarterly. We will focus on Housing and Outreach and Marketing. Will add Tracy Sessions to the Housing group. Tracy will get the list of CFHs from Karen Vasterling. We need to include the Transition Managers in our education and outreach and strengthen that relationship. Transition Manager list are on the IHC website for each region 1 – 7. We will invite the CIL and the Transition Managers to the SHS training. Can we develop a way to measure the people in the regions that have been asked if they would like to transition but decided not to? Can we use Peer support to help individuals decide they would like to transition?</p>
Parking Lot Issues			
		<p><b>Next All Workgroup Call Scheduled for February 28, 2012 from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM MST.</b></p>	