

MFP – Idaho Home Choice Benefits, Services, Consumer Supports, and Self Direction

Committee Name

Date 04/25/2011

Time 1:30 P.M.

Call in Information 1-888-706-6468 Host Code (Elder) 248479# Participant Code 268877#

Committee members present: Jim Baugh, Wanda Warden, Deana Gilchrist, Debbie Johnson, Dana Gover, Robbi Barrutia, Marilyn Sword, Amber Mausling  
 Medicaid: Tammy Ray

Committee members absent: Heidi Caldwell, Tim Voz

Topic	Presenter	Discussion	Action/Outcome
Final Operational Protocol	Tammy Ray	Tammy verified that everyone had received the final approved Operational Protocol.	Tammy will send to Wanda Warden
Cap on amount of services	Group	The group agrees that no caps should be placed on the individual services that participants may receive.	Some services will have caps such as pest eradication and one-time cleaning. Others will be flexible. The budget for the services has to be cost effective for the participant.
Flexibility	Jim Baugh	The program needs to Engineer the maximum possible flexibility with the transition services budget.	Most of the budget will be developed on a case by case basis and reflect the needs of the participant.
Rent	Dana Gover	Is paying rent prohibited under the grant?	CMS guidance indicates that no Federal monies can be used to pay rent for participants.
Utility Deposits	Group	Utility deposits will be minimal or the participant may have to have a co-signer for the utility.	
Behavioral Plans	Wanda	Wanda has found that the state is lacking in someone who is qualified to write behavioral plans. We need better service coordination and more qualified QMRD's.	
Transitions	Jim Baugh	Believes that anyone transitioning has most likely been working on it for at least 6 months. The rate of transitions has decreased since service coordination was removed from the A & D waiver.	

		One of the main barriers to transitioning is that the participant is allowed a huge budget inside of the institution and a very small budget outside the institution.	
Savings	Marilyn Sword	How are the savings achieved through the Money Follows the Person going to be spent. It is a shame that it will take 5 years of data gathering to find out what we already know. The budgeting process in the current waivers is in theory supposed to meet the needs of the participant but in actuality does not meet the needs of the participant.	The savings will go back into Home and Community Based Services. It is the hope that the transition management and services will be successful and we can add those benefits as permanent waiver benefits.
Lack of Qualified Caregivers	Group	We have a lack of qualified caregivers in the community. Certified Family Home providers are burning out. There is no respite benefit for paid caregivers. It is not practical to let volunteers help take care of participants who wish to live in the community.	
Parking Lot Issues			
		Next Committee call will be <b>May 25, 2011 at 1:30 P.M.</b>	