

Seniors and People with Disabilities

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Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Subject: CMS Real Choice Grant Update - DD Rate Restructuring

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): DD Service Providers, DD Advocacy Organizations |

Message: This is to provide an update on the status of the SPD 05 Real Choice Systems Transformation Grant for Rate Restructuring in the Developmental Disabilities Comprehensive Services System.

Background:

On September 30, 2005 DHS Seniors and People with Disabilities (SPD) received a five-year Real Choice Systems Transformation grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The grant totals \$2.44 million through September 30, 2010. The goals of the grant are to develop and implement individual budgeting strategies and improve rate-setting methodologies in the Developmental Disabilities Comprehensive Services System, and to enhance the quality management system to support these changes. Input from a wide cross-section of stakeholders is critical to the success of this project.

Status:

- SPD Grant Project Staffing:** Bob Clabby, who had experience with rate restructuring in another state before coming to Oregon, is project director. Jan Morgan, who has many years of experience with private, county and state DD services in Oregon, will join the team as project manager on January 23. Jan, who has been managing the eXPRS project for SPD, will continue to assist in transitioning that project for the next few months. Additional grant support staff will

be hired shortly.

- Technical Assistance for Strategic Planning: The Oregon Technical Assistance Corporation (OTAC), directed by Jean Tuller, has been selected to provide technical assistance for the Strategic Planning phase of this grant. OTAC will be assisted by Gary Smith of the Human Services Research Institute and Jack Morgan of Oregon Consulting, Inc. This technical assistance team has a wealth of knowledge and experience both in Oregon and nationally.
- Stakeholder Involvement: A Stakeholder Steering Committee for this project has been identified, with participation from a wide variety of perspectives, including self-advocates, families, advocacy organizations, providers, counties, and others. Logistical arrangements for meetings of this group, including assistance for self-advocates and family members who need help to participate, are being provided by the Oregon Developmental Disabilities Coalition. The first meeting will be held on January 27 in Newport.
- The first phase of this project, through June 30, 2006, involves development of a comprehensive strategic plan to guide implementation activities for the next four years. We will be providing periodic updates, and welcoming input.

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