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Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Subject: ReBAR Project Update #3 Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) Pilot Test

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Message: ReBAR, "Restructuring Budgets, Assessments, and Rates," is a multi-year project to develop a uniform and transparent system of individual assessments and standardized funding for group homes, supported living settings and employment and community inclusion services that is targeted to begin in 2011.

This transmittal provides initial information for those interested in, involved in or impacted by the upcoming Pilot Test of the Supports Intensity Scale assessment tool.

Pilot Test of the Assessment Tool – Spring & Summer 2007

The Supports Intensity Scale (SIS)

The **SIS** is a nationally recognized, structured interview, assessment tool designed to identify the support needs of a person with developmental disabilities. The SIS was developed by the American Association on Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) formerly AAMR. It has proven validity and reliability and is presently being used for individual, agency and system planning in eight (8) states.

Size and Purpose of the Pilot Test

The Pilot Test is designed to perform SIS assessments for up to 400 adult consumers presently in group homes, supported living settings and community inclusion services in 5-8 counties in Oregon. Project consultants from Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) are using information provided by SPD to select a representative sample of these 400 consumers to participate in the Pilot Test. The sample will be

finalized in the month of March.

Information from the SIS interviews conducted during the Pilot Test will be used to develop a funding model that will calculate:

- 1) the level of support that an individual needs
- 2) the cost of the service to provide the appropriate level of support to the individual

During approximately the same time period that the Pilot Test is occurring, there will also be a survey done of the cost of services currently provided in group homes, supported living settings and employment and community inclusion services. The information from this survey will be collected from current providers of these services and from available market research. HSRI will analyze this information and assist SPD in establishing new rates for these services.

Once all this information is collected and analyzed, SPD will conduct a Field Test to determine how all elements of a new system would fit together. The Field Test will occur in mid-2008.

Administration of the Pilot Test

SPD will contract with AAIDD for independently trained and certified SIS interviewers to conduct the 400 SIS assessments (interviews) between May 1, 2007 and August 30, 2007. Cooperation from counties, providers, consumers and families participating in Pilot Test activities, will be needed to successfully implement the Pilot Test.

The approximate timelines and activities for the Pilot Test are:

February & April 2007

- The sample group of consumers to participate in the Pilot Test will be selected.
- Contact negotiations will occur with AAIDD to conduct the assessments for consumers participating in the Pilot.
- Project Consultants from the University of Oregon Research and Evaluation Unit, will design a survey that can be used at the conclusion of the Pilot Test to gather feedback from counties, providers, consumers and their families who participated in the Pilot Test.

May & June 2007

- ReBAR Project staff will work with counties where consumers have been selected for participation in the Pilot Test to plan and prepare for the assessments to be conducted.

- County DD Programs will be asked to schedule times and locations for each participant in the assessment small group interviews.

June - August 2007

Each individual SIS assessment small group interview will take approximately 2-2 1/2 hours each. Each consumer will participate in the interview along with 2-3 additional individuals who know the consumer very well.

August – September 2007

Project Consultants from the University of Oregon Research and Evaluation will conduct surveys to obtain feedback from participants in the SIS assessment interview process.

Further Information and Communication

If you are interested in more information:

- ReBAR Project general information and ReBAR related information transmittals (IMs) can be found at <http://www.dhs.state.or.us/dd/rebar>
- Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) general information may be found at <http://www.siswebsite.org>
- You may also contact the Project directly via email at rebar.project@state.or.us or by phone at (503) 947-5099.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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