

# **MFP Steering Committee Meeting**

**Date: July 19, 2012, 10:00 AM – Noon**

**Location: DCH, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 3-240 EOC Briefing Room, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30303**

**Attendance - 34**

## **SC Meeting Minutes**

### ***1. Welcome, Introductions and Opening remarks (Pam Johnson, PD)***

Pam Johnson, Project Director, called the meeting to order and welcomed members. Ms. Johnson thanked members for their attendance and support of the Demonstration project. Attendees were reminded that SC meetings are held to inform members about the current state of the project and to obtain feedback from them for the design, implementation and evaluation of the project.

Director Johnson reported that revisions to the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Operational Protocol (OP) that began in April and is now complete. The Revised Operational Protocol has been approved by CMS and accepted by the Project Officer, Alice Hogan. The revised OP will be posted on the MFP website by August 1, 2012. The project is looking to fill a MFP Housing Manager position. Contracts and Interagency Agreements have been processed for renewal and appear to be functioning well. This is a very busy time for the DCH/MFP office, the next big assignment is to revise the MFP Policy and Procedures Manual (PPM) and standardize internal processes.

SC members can expect to be called on to serve on various working groups and teams as project development and evaluation are ongoing.

### ***2. Reflections on Site Visit and OP Release Date (Pam Johnson, PD)***

Director Johnson reported that a major component of the site visit involved reviews of the implementation of the new Interagency Agreement with the Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services (DHS/DAS) and the 12 Regional Aging and Disability Resource Connections (ADRC). According to Johnson, the CMS Project Officer was pleased with the overall progress with DHS/DAS and the ADRCs. Johnson reported that a letter is expected from the CMS Project Officer, Alice Hogan regarding the outcome of the site visit. The letter will be address to Chief Dubberly and Deputy Ivy and Pam Johnson, PD. During the site visit, several SC members met with Alice Hogan. Johnson reported that the CMS Project Officer was pleased to have had the opportunity to interact with SC members. SC members Dawn Alford and Dave Zilles discussed their impressions of the session with Alice Hogan.

### **3. Update on Revised Benchmarks (Pam Johnson, PD)**

#### **Revised Benchmark #1, Transitions by Population –**

By the end of CY 2016 – the project will have transitioned 2,142 MFP participants from the following target populations -

- Older Adults – 421
- Developmental Disabilities – 1136
- Physical Disabilities and TBI – 585

#### **Revised Benchmark #2, Increase in HCBS Expenditures**

Project Director Johnson reported that Benchmarks #2 and #4 were revised and aligned with the CMS Balancing Incentives Program (BIP) grant. This alignment with MFP was done to obtain the BIP grant. Deputy Ivy will be providing more information. Benchmark #2 makes the following projections for the increase in annual HCBS Spending (year over year) -

- CY 2011, 3% increase over CY 2010
- CY 2012, 14% increase over CY 2011
- CY 2013, 2% increase over CY 2012
- CY 2014, 2% increase over CY 2013
- CY 2015, 2% increase over CY 2014
- CY 2016, 3% increase over CY2015

#### **Revised Benchmark #4 Rebalance HCBS Expenditures Relative to Institutional LTC**

Director Johnson reported that Benchmarks #2 and #4 were revised and aligned with the CMS Balancing Incentives Program (BIP) grant. This alignment with MFP was done to obtain the BIP grant. Deputy Ivy will be providing more information. Benchmark #4 makes the following projections

- Actual CY 2011, 45% HCBS
- Projected CY 2012, 49% HCBS
- Projected CY 2013, 49% HCBS
- Projected CY 2014, 49% HCBS
- Projected CY 2015, 50% HCBS
- Projected CY 2016, 50% HCBS

#### **Revised Benchmark #5, Increase the number of MFP Participants living on their own or with family instead of a group setting.**

Revised Benchmark #5 focuses on the development of more affordable and accessible housing. MFP is partnering with the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to prepare a grant application for HUD Section 811 funding for Project Based Rental Assistance. More information will be forthcoming.

#### **4. Update on Revised and New MFP Services (RL Grubbs, Specialist)**

Specialist Grubbs reported on revisions to the following MFP Demonstration Services (see handout, Appendix B MFP Services Table Revised 062012) –

- Peer Community Support
- Caregiver Outreach and Education
- Equipment, Vision, Dental and Hearing Services
- Environmental Modification

Specialist Grubbs reported on the following new MFP Demonstration Services (see handout, Appendix B MFP Services Table Revised 062012)

- Life Skills Coaching
- Community Ombudsman
- Specialized Medical Supplies
- Home Inspection
- Supported Employment Evaluation

#### **5. Update from ADRCs - Progress Report**

Amy Riedesel presented data on the work of Options Counselors (OCs). A new definition of physical disability is being used. Options Counselors are making progress getting MDSQ referrals from all Medicaid nursing facilities around the state. Word-of-mouth is very effective inside nursing facilities and results in multiple referrals (non-MDSQ). MFP screenings are continuing at a steady pace. The MFP Screening tool being used by OCs is being loaded into a database to allow for data collection and analysis. Training of OCs continues. OCs are expected to deal with even more referrals in the next year. DAS is writing a grant that will provide funds for the expansion of OC work. The grant will focus on working with the Veteran's Administration.

Director Johnson commented on progress with state to state transitions. CMS has provided guidance on this issue. Several referrals are already in process.

JW Wright presented on the work of MFP Transition Coordinators. Wright introduced a new member of the DAS/MFP staff, Carline Robertson, Operations Analyst. Wright presented SFY year end data. Cumulative Transitions to date –

- Older Adults - 88
- Physical Disability - 106
- TBI - 2
- Other - 9
- DD - 1
- Total - 206 transitions. The Benchmark was 125, so it has been exceeded.

By Waiver use – of those transitioned –

- 101 entered CCSP
- 35 entered ICWP
- 39 entered Source
- 31 entered no waiver

Transitions were 10% higher this SFY than last SFY. Transitions are state-wide, transitions have occurred from all ADRCs. DAS/ADRCs are developing a working group that will be known as Serious Incident Review Team (SIRT). DAS has hired a person to coordinate the SIRT. All reinstitutionalizations will be reviewed by LTCO to assist with calling back on the re-institutionalized participant with a focus on transition process improvement. Moving forward, Director Johnson indicated that DCH/MFP will revise the process of review and prioritization of MFP Sentinel Events. ADRCs continue to partner with CILs. DHS/DAS is providing on-going training to OCs and TCs.

## **6. Update from DBHDD-DD**

Tiffany Butler, Jennifer Wiseman and Kim Ayertey presented data on the work of MFP in DBHDD-DD, David Blanchard will join as interim Deputy Commissioner. Ayertey is Assistant Deputy Commissioner. Assistant Deputy Ayertey reported that DBHDD-DD has just 370 folks left to transition from ICFs. To achieve the 2016 target of 1136 transitions, Ayertey has already begun discussion with DCH/MFP about DD transitions from nursing facilities and forensic placements.

So far, DD MFP has transitioned 165 to community placements, 97% transitioned using MFP. Efforts are focused on resolving Medicaid eligibility issues and resolutions are going much better than in years past. .

State staff will be doing more coordination with Regional DD offices. A Community Living Forum will be created at the state level to assist families and individuals with more information about long term support services, Medicaid eligibility and Medicaid services. Efforts continue to leverage more Medicaid FMAP.

Director Johnson indicated that the MFP Training Team will be reconvened to address training that DD is requesting for DD personnel regarding MFP and will utilize a video that has been produced, called New Directions. New material will be added to the video to highlight MFP. The working title is, New Home.

Efforts to maximize MFP services continue. DD MFP participants under 21 in NF are being identified with the assistance of advocates. The list is being verified using GAMMIS and once verified, the list will be the 1<sup>st</sup> priority for DD transitions from nursing facilities.

## **7. Challenges and Opportunities**

- Using new MFP services
- Using Peer Supporters earlier in the transition process
- High costs of specialized medical supplies

## **Wrap up**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:59 AM State staff responded to questions and continued discussions until approximately 1 PM. For edits or corrections to Agenda items and/or notes, contact: RL Grubbs, Specialist, MFP, [rlgrubbs@dch.ga.gov](mailto:rlgrubbs@dch.ga.gov), 404-657-9323. Next SC Meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2012, in Macon, GA. Location TBD.