

# Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Quality Assurance (QA) Quarterly Meeting Minutes

June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

9:00AM-12:00PM

## Agenda topics discussed:

- Transition survey.
- Legislative session debrief.
- Services video.
- Waiver amendments Steering committee updates.
- Planning for September meeting.

## **Kris Pederson discussing Transition survey.**

- Discussed Senate Bill 5693.
    - Established transition coordination teams.
    - Increasing stability and timeliness of transitions.
    - Annual reporting.
  - Discussed the stages of transition.
    - Transition prep.
    - Active coordination of transition (The act stage).
    - Post move and stabilization.
  - Developing standard communication.
  - Statewide Assurance.
  - From 2018-2022: 544 transitions, 52 returns.
  - Follow up schedule and transition survey schedule.
  - Transition survey used to determine how individual is adjusting after their move and to make recommendations that support successful transition.
  - These surveys can reveal insight about transition progress and if goals are being supported.
    - They can also identify potential barriers to services.
    - Promote stability in the new home by asking DDA staff to address barriers or concerns.
    - Provide accountability to individual and F/G/A that support is meeting their needs.
    - And can produce data that will be analyzed to identify trends and improve transition outcomes.
  - Revised survey is shorter to increase participation.
  - New questions have been developed for the survey for both the individual and the F/G/A and provider.
- Presentation can be found [here](#).

### **Legislative session debrief with Jaime**

- Gov delivery messages.
- Adult day services-Submit report by Dec 1, 2023.
- Study opportunities to enhance data collection due June 2024.
- Expand Medicaid services due 12/01/24.
- Community residential pilot due 12/01/24.
- Enhanced behavior support specialty is well underway and is due 06/30/25.
- Katie Beckett waiver HCA managed waiver due 06/01/25.
- DDA assessment study due date is to be determined.
- HB 1188-New waiver for DCYF dependent children due 12/01/25.

### **Service Videos with Leila**

- Six waiver videos.
- Specialized habilitation.
  - IFS.
  - CIIBS.
- Community engagement.
- Discussed following up with case managers.

### **Waiver Amendments with Ann Vasilev**

- Got approval for Amendments-they are no longer in draft format.
- Adding agency provider type serving children for the service stabilization services-Crisis diversion bed.
- Add persons existing WA DCYF extended foster care or aging out of dependency as an additional priority group for waiver enrollment.
- Add the ability for trained DDA Case/Resource Managers, Social Service Specialists and Joint Requirement Plan staff to perform CARE level of Care assessments virtually and obtain electronic signatures on Person-Centered Service Plans.
- Add an agency provider type for the service Residential Habilitation/Alternative Living (AL) on the CORE waiver and project increased utilization of AL in waiver years 2023-2024 through 2026-2027.

### **Additional Comments/Questions**

- CMS Corrective Action Plan was submitted by DDA to get more time to train providers and other stakeholders with the settings rule. It has been rescinded:  
<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/home-community-based-services/statewide-transition-plans/index.html>

- CMS Site Visit will be happening in September and DDA will share the schedule when it's available and ready.
- Community Protection Program was asked to be reviewed by DD Ombuds because of concerns about people's rights in that program.

#### **Steering committee with John Lemus**

- Opening positions for self-advocate, RHC, high nursing needs.
- These stakeholders should be included in these meetings.
- Goals:
  - Agenda structure,
  - accessibility,
  - email attached to website,
  - website edits,
  - working on a charter
- Steering Committee members:
  - John Lemus.
  - Resa Hayes.
  - Lisa Robbe.
  - Amal Grabinski.
  - Michelle Williams.
  - Ann Vasilev.
  - Teresa Boden.
  - Whitney Stohr.
  - Linda West.
  - Stacey Dym.
  - Anna McEnery.
  - Jaime Bond.

#### **HCBS September agenda topics to consider**

- Impact on quality systems-summary and concerns under Biden administration.
- List of what HCBS is and is not.
- Annual quality assurance report.
  - Continue making improvements.
  - Present and get feedback.
- Update on Jaime's list of stakeholders.
- Dan Thompson and what is happening with that – Slightly already covered.
- Saif come and talk about 1580?
- Go over rules and the basic information on HCBS and settings requirements.
- HCBS Access Rule