Community First Choice Council Creation

The Community First Choice (CFC) option is a part of the Affordable Care Act, Section 2401, that amends the Social Security Act to allow states the option to provide person-centered home and community-based attendant services, and supports under their State Plans. The State Plan is an agreement between the State and federal government to define each state's Medicaid program. CFC is intended to target home and community based attendant services and supports for people living with disabilities and elderly individuals.

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) is creating the Community First Choice Council (CFC Council) to explore possible implementation of a CFC program in Colorado.

About the Council

- The CFC Council will have up to 20 members:
  - 10 people with disabilities, elderly and their representatives
  - 6 state staff with expertise on Medicaid infrastructure
  - 4 at-large members
  - To prevent duplication and enhance coordination, the CFC Council will be incorporated within the existing structure of the Long Term Care Advisory Committee.

The Department has worked with stakeholders to develop a list of 10 people with disabilities, elderly and their representatives for the CFC Council. If you are interested in participating in the CFC Council as one of the four at large members please contact the Department by Monday, August 20. The first meeting will be in September (date TBD).

The Department has grant funding designated to help the CFC Council conduct a thorough analysis of the cost and programmatic structure of CFC in order to develop potentially viable options for the state.

If you have questions or would like to be part of the CFC Council, please contact Martha Beavers at 303-866-3998.