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To: All Stakeholders

From: Emily Blanford, Assistant Director

Date: April 30, 2015

Subject: COMMUNICATION BRIEF
Distribute Summary and Recommendation Report from the Redesign Workgroup for the Waivers Serving Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Purpose:

To distribute the Summary and Recommendation Report and to inform all stakeholders for ongoing opportunities for feedback.

Background:

The Department formed the Redesign Workgroup for the Waivers Serving Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (the Workgroup) in response to the Community Living Advisory Group (CLAG) recommendation for a redesigned Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver to support eligible adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). Members were selected in order to ensure representation from a broad range of stakeholder perspectives and included individuals receiving services, family members of individuals receiving services, professional advocates, and representatives from waiver service providers and the Community Centered Boards.

The Workgroup met monthly from October 2013 through January 2015 to develop these recommendations. Goals of the meetings were to:

- 1) Conduct an analysis of the services and supports currently available to individuals with I/DD,
- 2) Discuss and refine recommendations made by the CLAG, specifically working to ensure that the CLAG's recommendations would meet the needs of individuals with I/DD, and



- 3) Develop additional recommendations, either for additional services needed by individuals with I/DD, or for processes, policies, and practices that would be supportive of individuals with I/DD.

Additional details about the Workgroup's discussions, materials that were presented to the Workgroup, and the evolution of the Workgroup's recommendations are available on the Department's website (www.colorado.gov/hcpf/DIDD-Redesign).

Procedure or Information:

The Department will respond to the recommendations contained in this report within 30 days and welcomes all stakeholders to participate in upcoming engagement sessions. These sessions will provide opportunity for stakeholders to exchange information about the recommendations included in this report and to provide the Department with their feedback and advice. Details on the stakeholder sessions to be held throughout the state were announced in the April 15, 2015 communication batch and are available on the Department's website.

Stakeholders may also submit their comments through the following additional routes:

1. **Email:** HCBSredesign.DIDD@state.co.us
2. **Phone:** (303) 866-5560
3. **US Mail:** Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
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Attachment: Summary and Recommendation Report; Report Appendices A-F

