



**HCBS Waiver Redesign Workgroup Meeting Summary
 April 15, 2016 and May 10, 2016
 Division for Developmental Disabilities
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April 15, 2016

Work Group Members	State Staff	Guests	Facilitators (HMA)
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May 10, 2016

Work Group Members	State Staff	Guests	Facilitators (HMA)
Steve Valente, Tamara French, Claire Dixon, Gerrie Frohne, Marty Kennedy Phone: Kevin Graves, Rob DeHerrera	Tyler Deines, Tasia Sims, Matt Baker		Marci Eads

The mission of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing is to improve health care access and outcomes for the people we serve while demonstrating sound stewardship of financial resources.



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Welcome/ Introductions	Everyone introduced themselves.	
Updates from the Department	<p>Tyler Deines provided an overview of updates from the Department since the last Work Group Meeting. See attached Power Point Presentation for details. There was some discussion at both meetings about the updates, including a few questions and suggestions. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suggestion that the Department provide more information that compares current services (under the two existing waivers) with potential services (under the new waiver) • There may be a need to do more outreach to people who are on a waiver waiting list, so they have information about the new waiver and their opportunity to contribute to the development process. There was a suggestion that people on the waiting list may not be getting this information. • There was a question about whether CMS ever “grandfathers” old waivers. CMS does not do that. • There were questions about what the process would be for getting public comment on the new waiver. Tyler noted that, in addition to complying with CMS’s requirements about public notice, the state will likely do a statewide public education and input process regarding the new waiver. In addition, the Department will develop a work plan that provides information about the development of coverage standards, and opportunities to provide input into these. • There were questions about the draft SIS analysis, and suggestions, which included investigating some of the people with 	<p>Create a comparison chart showing current services with potential new services</p> <p>Develop a process to conduct outreach to people on a waiting list to make sure they are aware of the waiver redesign process and the information that is being shared</p>



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	<p>high levels of support needs to explore their utilization of employment services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additionally, there was a discussion about the need to try to forecast utilization when taking into account participant direction (which tends to increase utilization). 	
<p>Updates from the Work Group Members</p>	<p>Regional Center Task Force is developing a recommendation around doing better measurement of how well a transition goes for people moving from the Regional Center into the community. It would be good to use this process more broadly, and to think about using data across systems more effectively.</p> <p>Need to be thinking more about aging caregivers and how to coordinate services across systems and individuals. For example in a family with an aging caregiver, there could be a person receiving services from the SLS waiver and the caregiver is receiving services from the EBD waiver. There doesn't need to be a duplication of the homemaker services, but the caregiver needs a lot of help too. As the waiver is redesigned, it will be essential to coordinate with other populations.</p>	
<p>Discuss Work Group Membership and Next Steps</p>	<p>The Department is beginning the development of Service and Coverage Standards. The Department will publish a schedule of coverage standards to be developed and details about the process (which will include Department drafting, getting public input, getting Federal authorization of the new waiver, and getting regulations in place through the Medical Services Board). The Department will create drafts and host public meetings to solicit input.</p> <p>The Work Group discussed changing its name from "Work Group" to "Implementation Council", which was approved.</p>	<p>Develop and distribute schedule for development of Service and Coverage Standards</p> <p>Set up next quarterly meetings</p> <p>Set up process for self-nomination for the Implementation Council</p>



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	<p>Several members of the Work Group retired, changed jobs, or can no longer attend. Implementation Council members approved replacing Tracy Murphy with Roman Krafczyk (Easter Seals) and replacing Kasey Daniel with Claire Dixon (Legal Center for People with Disabilities). To fill other open positions, the Department proposed to ask Work Group members to nominate people and will ask members of the public to self-nominate. The process was approved by attendees of both meetings. The Department will put together a final process and timeline and send this out to the work group members.</p> <p>The Implementation Council agreed that to meet quarterly moving forward. A Doodle Poll asking for the best days of the month will be sent out and dates selected.</p>	
Public Comment	<p>At the April meeting there was public comment about Conflict Free Case Management, the Home and Community Based Services Settings Rule, the development of the new assessment tool, and other activities and initiatives that are happening in Colorado. Though these are outside the scope of this Implementation Council, it is important to remember that these initiatives are also occurring. The Department agreed and stated that efforts are being made to ensure alignment and coordination between initiatives.</p>	

