



**HCBS Waiver Redesign Workgroup Meeting Summary
 October 27, 2014
 Division for Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities
 303 E. 17th Street, Denver, CO 80203**

Work Group Members	State Staff	Guests	Facilitators (HMA)
Molly Kennis Marty Kennedy Carol Meredith Rob DeHerrera Marijo Rymer Gerrie Frohne	Sara Leeper Kevin Graves Joe Manee Tamara French (phone) Kendra Kettler (phone)	Tyler Deines Roberta Aceves Lori Thompson Brittani Trujillo	Robert Hernandez Ellen Jensby Phil Gibson Sara Engels Marci Eads

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Welcome/ Introductions	Everyone introduced themselves.	
Updates	We discussed the plan to finalize the work group’s recommendations in the next couple of meetings. After recommendations are submitted, regularly scheduled meetings may conclude in November or December. The next steps will be for the Department to begin creating draft documents. Work group members will be asked to be ambassadors to help the Department get feedback from additional stakeholders and to explain recommendations that have been made.	

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Presentation of Utilization Data	<p>The group had requested to see utilization data for Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies. Tyler provided the group with 2013 utilization data. The group discussed the data, including its limitations.</p> <p>Based upon those limitations, the group also discussed whether to recommend an exhaustive list of equipment and supplies that would be covered, or to recommend a broad, purpose based definition (in alignment with recommendations on other services). The group decided to recommend a broad definition but include categories of the Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies and asked the Department to create a recommended definition to discuss at the November meeting. The definition should reference the state plan and equipment/supplies that are (and are not) available via the state plan.</p>	The group asked the Department to create a recommended definition and share with the group at the November meeting.
Discussion about Professional Services Definition	<p>The group was asked in the September meeting to think about the existing Professional Services definition and whether the services offered under that definition best meet the needs of this population and to bring suggestions for changes to the October meeting. Services that were brainstormed included: Gym memberships (for person and for caretaker or support person); "Guided spotters" to help people do the walks, lift weights; Yoga; Massage; Movement; Hippo; Chiropractor; Wheel chair therapy; Water therapy; Acupuncture; Foot care clinic; Music therapy.</p> <p>The group discussed the existing Professional Services definition and whether the definition should list the three services currently available (Hippotherapy, massage and movement therapy), should list all services that should be available, or if the new definition should be broad, purpose-based. The group concluded that the definition should be broad and purpose-based, and that it should focus on providing supports around exercise and movement that promote physical and mental health. The definition should allow for coverage of</p>	The group asked the Department to create a recommended definition and share with the group at the November meeting.



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	<p>things not covered by state plan that are recommended by medical providers to promote physical and mental health and wellbeing. The group recommended taking out the list of specific component services, adding language about services being therapeutic, and keeping some of the language under the list about the goals that are right now tied to the services that are listed. The group also wondered if these services could be provided in a participant-directed way – the client gets a budget for this category of services and she or he could pick what works for them. The group asked the Department to generate a recommended definition to bring back to the group in November.</p>	
<p>Update on Assessment Tools</p>	<p>The group had asked for an update on the work being done at the Department to develop a new assessment tool. Brittani Trujillo provided that update.</p>	<p>Information on the Department’s efforts is available at www.COassessment.blogspot.com.</p>
<p>Discussion about Community Transitions</p>	<p>The group looked at the CMS core service definition for Community Transitions. The group recommended the Department add this service definition to the new waiver.</p>	<p>The group asked that the Department find out: Does this apply to coming out of jails and prisons? Also, this typically applies only to Medicaid-covered institutions and provider owned / controlled housing. If the person was living in the family home and the family is a provider, would these</p>



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Participant Direction	The group reviewed and discussed the Community Living Advisory Group Waiver Simplification Subcommittee definition of Participant Direction and recommends that the Department include participant-directed delivery options in the new waiver.	
Public Comment	There was no public comment at this meeting.	
Next Steps	The November meeting will include a discussion about and review of Department-generated definitions for specialized medical equipment and supplies, and for professional services. It will also include requested information about community transitions. The group will discuss Person-Centered Planning and provider-owned home standards and rules. It was agreed that the meeting will occur on November 24, even though that is Thanksgiving week. Most members can attend the meeting on that date.	

