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Subject: Department Response to Recommendation for Sponsored Information Sessions

The Department has received the Participant Directed Programs Policy Collaborative (PDPPC) recommendation to sponsor information sessions around the state, specifically for the Home and Community Based-Supported Living Service (HCBS-SLS) waiver recipients, to explain consumer direction and answer questions in preparation for the expansion of Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) as a delivery option in the HCBS-SLS waiver. In addition, the PDPPC has requested that the timeframe be concurrent with case management trainings.

The Department has reviewed this recommendation and has begun discussion with the contracted CDASS training vendor, Consumer Direct Colorado (CDCO). CDCO has agreed to provide up to four outreach sessions in various locations within Colorado and will work with PDPPC to determine the locations. The date, time, and location of the information sessions will be provided to the Community Center Board case management agencies, posted on CDCO's website, and shared with PDPPC stakeholders.

The Department has determined that the information sessions will be provided following the completion of the case management trainings, instead of concurrent as requested. This decision is due to limited CDCO staff available to conduct these events while also performing the case management trainings. Moreover, holding the information sessions following the case management trainings will allow for the case managers to gain the necessary knowledge regarding CDASS to provide clients with accurate information when contacted for questions.

The assistance of PDPPC stakeholders to promote and encourage participation in the information sessions would be appreciated. The Department appreciates PDPPC stakeholders for their continued engagement and partnership.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Katie McGuire at 303-866-6313 or Katherine.mcguire@state.co.us.

Best,
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