

Medicaid Managed Long Term Services and Supports

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT GROUP

Who We Are: This is a unique group comprised entirely of individuals receiving services and family members and is cross-disability--inclusive of developmental disabilities, mental health, addictive diseases, individuals with physical disabilities and those aging in place.

Our Goals:

- **To Learn:** to become educated in order to make informed decisions
- **To Advise:** to share those views with the people who are going to implement the change
- **To Inform Others:** to take what we learn back to our constituent local and statewide constituent groups.

Our Partners:

The Stakeholder Engagement Group is supported by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, (DHHS), the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD), the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disability Services (NASDDDS)—the professional association for the State's I/DD state authority, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS).

The Stakeholder Engagement Group is focused on “WHAT” is needed— the individual outcomes important in a person’s life for example housing, health, employment, and transportation, rather than “HOW” to get there in terms of administration. The group has been working since October and will offer a summary of their collective input by March, 2014 related to 1) What do we like about the current system? 2) What would the ideal system look like? and 3) What would be the key elements?

Topics have included but are not limited to:

- Entrance into the System
- Assessment based on Long Term Support Needs
- Planning Based on Individual Outcomes and Needs
- Support Coordination
- Integrated and Community Based Services
- Self-direction
- Qualified Providers
- Quality and Accountability
- Adequate Planning and Transition Strategies
- Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement
- Aligning Payment Structures with Goals
- Participant Protections
- Waiting Lists



The Stakeholder Engagement Group supports state leaders in their efforts to improve the effectiveness and efficiencies of the Medicaid system to achieve meaningful outcomes in the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families.

The NCCDD is part of a national network, funded under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act with a federal mandate to effect system-wide changes for the over 172,000 North Carolinians with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families. The Governor appoints the chairman and the Council's members, of whom 60%, by law, are people with I/DD and family members.

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