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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Provider Profile

The Provider Profile developed by a sub-committee of the Provider Coalition (MACDDS, MoANCOR, and MARF) has been approved and recommended to the Division of Developmental Disabilities by the coalition steering committee. The Provider Profile will be an online description of current Division approved providers and their location in the state. It is intended to give information to persons seeking services, their parents or guardians, and case managers that describe services offered by agencies, information about staff training, and other useful information about Missouri providers. Look for this to be posted in the future on the Division website.

CMS Assurance: Participant Safeguards

Last month we reviewed Participant Centered Planning and Service Delivery so this month is a review of another of the four assurances, Participant Safeguards or the Health and Welfare of the consumer. This assurance emphasizes the importance of all service coordinators' role in reporting, investigating and resolving serious issues for the consumer. The DMH complies too this assurance through the establishment of a critical incident's system; however, it is service coordinators who are the eyes and ears of this assurance. The SC has direct contact with the participant, is familiar with the home environment (service provider), and it is their role to advocate and assure a person-centered program is in place in complying with this assurance. The SC also provides further assurance through assessment, discussion with the consumer and developing an array of formal and informal supports which addresses their vulnerability and identified risks. Observation, documentation and action are the key elements in meeting the CMS Assurance of Participant Safeguard (Health & Safety). TCM providers are responsible for training the service coordinator in their roles and responsibilities in assuring the health and safety of the consumers. Although the assurance relate specifically to those individuals receiving Home & Community Based Waiver services it sets the standard for all services through the Division of DD. Next month the assurance, Qualified Provider will be reviewed.

IN FULL SWING

Prevention Waiver

The newly proposed "Prevention Waiver", a joint effort between the Division and participating SB40 boards, has been approved by MoHealthNet and was forwarded to CMS for review and approval on May 28th. The Division and SB40 Boards are hoping for a July 1, 2010 start-up for this new waiver. As new information is forthcoming, we will keep you informed of progress and details regarding the Prevention Waiver.

Training for Dentists

The DD Systems Transformation grant is sponsoring training for dentists, through a partnership with the Missouri Oral Health Network. Training was offered in Springfield, Sikeston, and Kansas City in April, May and June. Approximately 75 dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants have participated in the 2-day training, which includes clinical experience. Over 70 people with developmental disabilities receive an examination and X-rays, cleaning, and treatment during the clinical training. Plans are underway for additional training.

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HUD PUBLISHES ADVANCE GUIDANCE FOR PILOT PROGRAM TO REVITALIZE PUBLIC, OTHER HUD-ASSISTED HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

Choice Neighborhood Initiative to require one-for-one replacement of public and HUD-assisted housing

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development posted the [Choice Neighborhood FY 2010 Notice of Funding Availability Pre-Notice](#) today to give potential applicants guidance prior to the actual Choice Neighborhoods funding notice, to be published this summer. The guidance offers advance details regarding the application process to compete for funds through this pilot program.

"We want the Choice Neighborhood pilot program to build on the achievements and lessons learned under the HOPE VI program," said HUD Assistant Secretary for the Office of Public and Indian Housing Sandra B. Henriquez. "To do that, we believe it is absolutely necessary to inform our partners as early as possible of the tools they will need in place to be ready when the competition begins."

The Pre-Notice outlines the core goals of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative that Congress approved with the passage of HUD's FY 2010 budget. The information will help entities

interested in applying for funding under Choice Neighborhoods better prepare for the *Notice of Funding Availability*, the official federal government application to obtain funding.

"Posting guidance of this magnitude for upcoming funding availability is an unprecedented step for HUD," said Carol Galante, HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing. "We hope this early guidance is helpful and we stand ready to respond to questions for further clarifications."

This is the pilot year of the competitive program that will award up to \$65 million to public housing authorities, local governments and nonprofit organizations to extend neighborhood transformation efforts beyond the public and or assisted housing to link housing revitalization with education reform and early childhood education. One key feature in the pilot program is the requirement that any public housing or other HUD-assisted housing unit demolished under the program must be replaced with another unit unless there are valid, quantifiable reasons for exception. The program widens the traditional pool of eligible applicants by allowing for-profit developers to submit joint applications with a public entity.

The Pre-Notice introduces key program elements and activities as well as the framework of the competition HUD will use to award this year's grants. While the nearly 20-year-old HOPE VI Revitalization Program has been successful at transforming neighborhoods with distressed public housing into revitalized mixed-income communities, Choice Neighborhoods aims to use a more comprehensive approach to community development with housing transformation as its center. The program also expands targeted units to include both public and assisted housing.

BRIGHT IDEAS

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) commonly referred to as Health Care Reform, passed in March and encompasses many grant opportunities and coverage provisions that impact the Department of Mental Health and the individuals it serves. Together we have identified priority projects that have the greatest potential to positively impact mental health services for Missourians.

The Governor's HCR Cabinet Team has been familiarizing themselves with the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordability Act (PPACA) and preparing high level summaries and documents that outline the changes that will result and the opportunities that will be afforded from HCR efforts. In general, the HCR Cabinet Team has identified four major categories of opportunities in PPACA:

- Insurance Reforms
- Medicaid non-categorical, income-based expansion to 133% of federal poverty level (FPL)
- Workforce Development
- Multiple grant opportunities contained in PPACA

Many of the grant opportunities are particularly challenging because they deal with complex legal and regulatory requirements, involve multiple state and private partners, and require thoughtful planning for sustainability. Missouri may be in a unique and favorable position to pursue grant opportunities for capacity expansion and system improvement and the Governor's Office is supportive of efforts to maximize value of the HCR efforts for Missourians. However, the upcoming referendum also indicates a need to educate the public about the benefits afforded to them under PPACA.

RESOURCES

The link below will give you information for the upcoming HUD initiative mentioned above that may be of interest to providers. Please click on the link for more information. This may be an opportunity to replace old facilities and downsize some of the residential housing options.

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2010/HUDNo.10-104

Missouri Medicaid Basics: Understanding Missouri's Medicaid Program

The Missouri Foundation for Health has released the [2010 edition of Medicaid Basics](#).

<http://covermissouri.org/docs/MedicaidBasics2010.pdf> This publication provides an overview of the state's Medicaid program called MO HealthNet. MO HealthNet is a network of programs that provide public health insurance to low-income children, their parents, and disabled and elderly individuals. *Medicaid Basics* explains key programs, eligibility requirements, and delivery systems. The report includes maps with county-by-county data on MO HealthNet enrollment. Additionally, there is information on the reauthorization of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The 2010 version of *Medicaid Basics* has a new segment entitled *Federal Health Reform and Medicaid*. This segment discusses how the federal health reform law impacts the Medicaid program.

Oral Histories of Self Advocates with Developmental Disabilities Added to UC Berkeley Library

BERKELEY, CA (May 20, 2010) – The Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley is pleased to announce the addition of a new collection of oral histories of leaders in the self-advocacy movement.

The self-advocacy movement is a civil and human rights movement led by individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Despite its widespread existence nationally and internationally, few works have explored the rich history, culture, and significance of the movement. The new collection helps fill this void through documenting the life stories of thirteen leaders from across the country, many of whom founded the movement at local, state, and national levels.

“As a whole, the collection is perhaps the most in-depth exploration of the transformative impact and cultural meaning of the self-advocacy movement,” stated Tamar Heller, President of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities. “Spanning over six decades, the life stories of self advocates document how far we have come as a society while reminding us

how much further we still must go.”

The project was led by Joe Caldwell, Adjunct Professor within the Department of Disability and Human Development at the University of Illinois at Chicago. It was made possible with support from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, US Department of Education. Project participants and Caldwell donated the material for inclusion in the Bancroft Library’s larger collection on the history of the disability rights and independent living movement which contains over a hundred oral histories of artists, activists, and scholars.

The entire self-advocacy collection is available online. In addition to interview transcripts, the collection contains captioned video-taped excerpts which make it more accessible to a broader audience, including individuals who may have difficulty reading.

“While drafting *Equality of Opportunity, the Making of the Americans of Disabilities Act*, I was struck by how future generations would look back on the passage of the ADA as a watershed moment in public policy. This collection of oral histories continues the legacy of Justin Dart in capturing the individual stories of people with disabilities in this country,” stated Jonathan Young, Chairman of the National Council on Disability. “It is critical for youth with disabilities to have a strong sense of history, identity, and disability pride. The use of technology and social media to share these stories of self advocates will have powerful impacts on our community and the next generation of leaders, just as the ADA did for this generation.”

To access the collection of leaders in the self-advocacy movement:

http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/ROHO/collections/subjectarea/ics_movements/self_advocacy.html

To access the broader disability rights and independent living movement collection:

<http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/collections/drilm/index.html>