

Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Developmental Disabilities, and Brain Injury Commission

MH/MR/DD/BI System
Redesign
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Adult System Redesign Goals

- Enable people to live, learn, work, recreate, and contribute in their chosen communities
- Use person-centered values and principles
- Fund core services to more people statewide
- Equalize county funding obligations
- Distribute funds more equitably

When we are finished, adults with disabilities will have

1. Universal Access
2. Links to Basic Supports
3. Standard Eligibility Across the State
4. Core Services Across the State
5. Residency to Determine Who Pays

Implementation

- Authorize the new system, collect data
- Equalize property tax, distribute state and federal funds using case rates
- Assure core services statewide
- Fund eligible individuals where they live

Redesign Progress in 2004

- Commission issued MH/MR/DD/BI System Redesign Report January 2004
- The Report is a BLUEPRINT for change
- The General Assembly, DHS and the counties are taking action based on the BLUEPRINT

Action by General Assembly

- House File 2537 signed into law April 29th 2004 acknowledged the BLUEPRINT and asked for data to support further legislative action

DHS and County Actions 2004

Work Teams are collecting data and planning how to implement BLUEPRINT recommendations for access to services, core services, residency, functional assessment, funding distribution, and institutional change

DHS and County Actions 2004

Department of Human Services
administrative rule 441-25 is being
amended to allow sharing between state
and counties of personally identifiable data

DHS and County Actions 2004

- DHS has entered into an agreement with the Department of Justice that will improve quality of care at state Resource Centers (Woodard and Glenwood) and move people into the community

This Session

Commission is asking for:

- Change in property tax levy supporting MHMRDDBI services
- Counties to begin managing cases for individuals with no county of legal settlement
- Funding to support further development of functional assessment tools and processes

Proposal: Change Property Tax Levy Methodology

- Change from capped dollar levy to a levy rate range.
- Range would be identical for each county
- Floor rate would be identical for each county
- Counties would have discretion to fund services at a higher rate but no higher than the ceiling rate

Proposal: Counties Manage “State Case” Status Cases

- Improves management of cases for people that have no county of legal settlement
- First step toward residency based system
- Will better support “person-centered services” and “self-determination” by people with disabilities

Proposal: Fund further work on functional assessments

- Volunteers have worked countless hours on selecting functional assessment tools and piloting them
- System needs funds to take this development work to the next level

Children's System Design

- Oversight Committee-Broad effort by families, day care providers, Department of Human Services, Department of Education, Department of Health, and others
- “Touch the Lives of Children with Disabilities Conference”
- Volunteer workgroups across the state

Children's System Design

- Four focus areas
 - Focus on the child
 - Access to Services
 - Services provided
 - Transition to adult system

Children's System Design

- Collaboration with other initiatives
- Data collection on current public funding and programs supported
- Recommendations by close of 2005

For more information

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