

System Redesign Meeting 1/21/04

Distributed copies of Amendment responses

- Dakota County - will be emailed to us
- Olmstead County
- Hennepin County
- Ramsey County
- Disability Law Center
- ARRM

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Steve Larson (ARC) update Legislative Agenda

- ARC had 14 town meetings - 40 legislative members attended
- Meeting with Rep. Bradley next week
- News conference at the Capital on Feb 4th Room 181 @ 11:00 a.m.
- Paying parents
- Parental fees
- Co-payments
- \$500 dental limit
- 10-20% county share costs for ICFMR scheduled to take effect July 2004
- Proposal to reinstate the 1% cut.
- Supporting Minnesota Family project
 - ◆ 13.5 billion \$ bonus awarded to MN
 - ◆ ARC wants \$ to go back to the program
- **March 3rd ARC Day at the Capital**
- Governor's budget will be out sometime after 2/26
- **ARRM Day at the Capital is March 11th**
- Rebased - calendar year 2004 counties will receive same \$ amount as 2003

To Watch:

- Taxpayer's bill or rights – Legislation has been introduced (SF 1073) to amend Minnesota's Constitution to include a Tax Expenditure Limit (TEL), which would place caps on state, local, and school district spending this- would limit growth – this would be a disaster for our field
- Has passed in Colorado that has been a disaster
- MN Council of Non-profits – go to website Friday, **Friday, January 30, 2004**
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Machinist's Labor Temple
1399 Eustis St
St. Paul, MN 55108

- ♦ July 1st, 2005 – all Elderly Waiver \$ will go under managed care (MNSHO) – Prediction → next will be MNDO (CADI, TBI), then CAC, last will be MR/RC
- ♦ We need to watch this – the stage has been set. RFA from State to Counties came out on Jan 5 – link should be on State Registrar page

Comments and Discussion Responses:

- ♦ ARC – has asked CMS to stop the entire amendment. They recommend that people contact CMS directly as well as your elected officials.
- ♦ CMS has stated that they will not look at our other waiver services until this is resolved. This is a key negotiating point for us. This transfers that power back to those concerned about the language in the current amendment
- ♦ So many people are hurt by this and it was not thought out
- ♦ Believe that upper management is using this amendment to shake up the entire Waiver program.
- ♦ Concerns about the methodology with the numbers. If counties have set budgets and go off CDCS – there is no money for the increase cost of formal service.
- ♦ We need to think about setting up systems that would assure the Federal match doesn't go into the General Fund but to the services that were used to bring the money in. It does no good to continue to cut staff at DHS .
- ♦ We need to be mentally prepared to address the general comments regarding other people.
- ♦ 1st phone call is scheduled on Jan 30th between DHC & CMS
- ♦ Our message to CMS will include the number of hours that this group has put in preparing for the amendment.
- ♦ The recommendation that we summarize all the responses and stress the collaboration of this group. Send samples of work and names of people attending. The response from the System Redesign group will be sent directly to DHS and several people at CMS
- ♦ ARC will be calling CMS and requesting a conference call to discuss concerns.

Insurance

* What is the relationship to the report of Worker's Comp Claims in CDCS verses Formal Services? Is this really an issue or will CDCS be blamed?

*On CDCS vs. formal service we need to bring up the issue of re-looking at the insurance & working collaboratively with the State. Insurance companies are increasing their premiums at alarming rates.

* ARRM is watching the insurance issue.

Things to start planning for:

- We are going to need to start talking & healing once we hit bottom – we need to identify facilitators and bring them in with all stakeholder and start over.
- We need to start a grass root movement with families to counter bad stories and begin to circulate good stories
- Steve will lead a Waive Audit Response Team. E-mail Steve if interested.
- New budget proposals for CDCS may be out by end of January.
- New brochure was passed out. If you want more contact Rebecca and she will e-mail you.
- Watch for Legislative Audit Report

Next Meeting: February 18th 6-8 p.m.