

Alzheimer's and Aging Housing and Service Delivery Meeting

October 7, 2014

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. EST

- ❖ Objective
 - Come up with the components of the Request for Information (RFI)
 - Services to be provided
 - Intended outcomes from service provision
 - Provider qualifications
 - Descriptions of the service models
 - Timeframes for service provision
- ❖ Priorities from the Workgroup
 - APD customer and caregiver living together in their home
 - APD customer and caregiver living together in an alternate living setting
 - APD customer and their caregiver living in close proximity to each other
 - Training and education for individuals, caregivers, and providers on aging-specific issues for APD customers and their caregivers, and Alzheimer's and/or dementia and people with developmental disabilities
- ❖ Needs identified for these priorities to be implemented
 - Combined waiver
 - Support coordinators that have aging and transition planning specializations
 - A transition planning process that is proactive and begins early
 - Training to ensure people know the needs of the targeted aging populations
- ❖ Comments and Questions
 - Question: What is the end product of this meeting? Is this to develop a report to go to the Director?
 - The final recommendations have been presented to the director. These are the recommendations we are moving forward with. The purpose of this meeting is to help draft the RFI.
 - Comment: Intellectual disabilities are developmental disabilities, shouldn't differentiate in terminology.
 - Question: Is funding stream process part of this RFI?
 - No.
 - Question: Do we want to request information on existing administrative structures for facilities that can serve this population?
 - Yes. Will make a request for this in the RFI.
 - Comment: **National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease** – Might be good to review the national Alzheimer's plan to enhance understanding of models for family support to support the aging population.
 - Comment: APD should try to use language that is consistent with federal language.
 - Comment: Sometimes caregiver may be limited in ability to provide care but may not have a specific disability that qualifies them for services, also should look at other responsibilities of the caregiver such as other children or partners.

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- Comment: When defining criteria, might look at functions as opposed to disability for the caregiver. Person may need additional assistance or no longer able to do certain things. The result is the same regardless of cause.
- Comment: Need to also consider the necessity of orienting customers to a new living setting/service model, a process which requires time and advanced planning.
 - This is an important consideration; Tom Buckley's team has been looking at this.
- Comment: Need to keep in mind some customers are aging in place in group homes and may choose to continue to do so.
- Comment: Need to keep in mind those who are aging and have intensive behavior needs.
- Question: Do we want to build in flexibility and quickness to respond to situations?
 - Want to do as much advanced planning as possible, but also will want to make quick reactions a component of the transition plan.
- Question: Where are we defining the components of the service model?
 - They can go in the purpose or background section.
- Comment: Might want to consider lowering the page count limit for the RFI from 100 to 50 pages.
- ❖ Information/Requests/Questions to consider for Section A of the RFI
 - Looking for planning and transition processes for individuals with developmental disabilities and their caregivers
- ❖ Information/Requests/Questions to consider for Section B of the RFI
 - Lack of training on the aging process.
 - Defining the population - need to know the customer subset we want the combined service model to cover.
 - Might require caregiver to meet the requirements to receive the services APD would provide.
 - Might have caregiver and customer eligibility dependent on being over a certain age, having the onset of Alzheimer's or dementia, or due to a disability for the caregiver that limits ability to provide care.
 - Will need to decide if both customer and caregiver would need to meet certain requirements or if we would serve them only if one of them does.
 - Purpose Section
 - Want to develop means for customer and client to age together, or in close proximity to each other, if they so wish.
- ❖ Next Steps
 - Will continue to be open to suggestions from the group in developing the draft RFI.
 - Need to decide what services we would provide the identified population (personal care, transportation, companion, nursing, etc.).

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- Need to identify conditions for qualifications around disabilities/illnesses, such as loss of mobility, illness, reliance on equipment or medication.
- October 24th is the deadline for the draft to be submitted for final edits and posting.
- Intend to have RFI completed in time for a November 1st posting date.