

## **HCBS State Advocates Meeting Summary Monday November 7, 2016**

### **Agenda**

- Introductions
- Redesigned Web Site
- Presentation of Data from Surveys
- Systematic Regulation Grid
- Discussion on Leases and Rental Agreements
- Updated Time Line
- Possible next meeting December 5th

### **Discussion**

#### **Redesigned Web Site**

EOHHS has launched new website. Goal of being more consumer-friendly/informative. HCBS rule compliance activity posted there.

<http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Initiatives/HCBSFinalRule.aspx>

#### **Presentation of Data from Surveys**

Deloitte Team presented summary of the provider and consumer surveys and fielded questions from the group.

Request made to analyze data for systemic trends across facilities, i.e. issues of accessibility.

Analysis being done understand discrepancies between facility response and consumer response for a specific setting/facility.

EOHHS looking to identify system-level deficiencies that need to be remediated.

Next STP needs to identify number of settings that fall into the compliant/non-compliant/partially-compliant classification.

Those settings that fall under HS must be specifically identified in the STP.CMS # settings

### Systematic Regulation Grid

Revised grid ¾ complete, goal to submit this month to secure initial CMS STP approval.

Regulations tied to each HCBS rule compliance area.

Grid will also include the 1500-LTC regulations.

### Discussion on Leases and Rental Agreements

Consumer survey results indicated a lack of understanding of their rights.

CMS had directed that any agreement must be consistent with state and local landlord/tenant protections/standards.

Request to compile relevant state and local statutes/regulations that would govern the agreements. RI DOA/ RI Housing & Community reach out to.

[http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Auxiliary\\_Housing/link\\_files/LTHandbook.pdf](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Auxiliary_Housing/link_files/LTHandbook.pdf)

Given that public Medicaid funding is supporting the placements, need to ensure members have proper protections to ensure residential continuity. Member/family education could be helpful.

CMS will likely require a lease for Shared Living. RI should reach out to CMS and ask the question. Check on how TN handled this.

Bring RI housing experts in to help clarify the proper protections for Shared Living arrangements.

Institute a grievance and appeals process? Formalization of a process with proper protections.

Set a dedicated meeting on Shared Living (Linnea/Jen)

Heather to summarize guidance she received from CMS on landlord/tenant rights.

### HS Update

HS work ongoing.

EOHHS working to write each identified setting's rebuttal of the institutional perception.

Using guidance from KY to assist with RI submittal. 5-10 page summary for each facility of the compiled evidence, which will be publicized.

CMS will review in batches, and conduct a sample of the submitted batch. Any setting that fails can be resubmitted.

#### Update Time Line

End of December/January target for posting of updated STP. Will have a 30-day public comment period.

Inclusion of Consent Decree activity as well.

**NEXT MEETING: 12/5/16**