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ULTCS Implementation Update

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Comprehensive LTSS Strategy

- ODADAS and ODMH have convened an intersystem workgroup to provide leadership and direction in implementing systemic changes needed to support the long-term viability of the behavioral health system.
- DODD is utilizing the “Futures” recommendations as an overall guiding philosophy (Phase 3 of the ULTCS process)
- State Profile Tool under development led by ODJFS – all agencies participating.

Comprehensive LTSS Strategy
(continued)

- Draft rules governing the Certificate of Need changes in HB 1 allowing for inter-county transfer of nursing facility beds have been circulated for comment to stakeholders (by October 19th). Formal process begins with Public Health Council on November 19.

- Workforce grant

Balanced System of LTSS Based on Consumer Choice

- DODD serves consumers in community settings three times more than in facilities.
- DODD developing New Futures waiver reflective of a desire to move towards individual self-determination/consumer choice
- Expansion of Choices waiver statewide as part of a combined aging services waiver

Balanced System
(continued)

- Behavioral health services already delivered largely in community settings.
- HB 1 development of additional services added to PASSPORT waiver – enhanced community living and adult foster care

System Reflective of Olmstead Decision

- Implementation of HOME Choice strategy
- Home First enrollment allows consumers to skip waiting lists in the aging system – 380 nursing facility residents have benefited from Home First through October 5th
- Enrollment priority for Ohio Home Care waiver given to consumers in medical institutions.
- State to update its Olmstead Plan under leadership from EMMA
- RoMPIR – provides for suspension rather than termination of Medicaid benefits for persons entering public institutions

System Reflective of Olmstead Decision (continued)

- Expedited SSI/Medicaid pilot in behavioral health system (part of TSIG)
- Continued enrollment in Medicaid Buy-In for Ohio workers with disabilities
- Martin settlement and developmental center downsizing
- ODA workgroup developing a pilot intervention to better identify nursing facility residents and applicants to offer HCBS

Consolidation of Policymaking Authority in a Single Entity

- ODJFS is the single state Medicaid agency
- EMMA helps to facilitate policymaking
- EMMA council makes decisions on a consensus basis

Transparent Budget for LTSS

- Consolidation of separate funding lines within ODA's budget supports consumer choice.
- EMMA coordinated financing group.

Seamless Array of LTSS Options

- Adding additional housing with services options – enhanced community living and adult foster care added to PASSPORT.
- Removal of 1800-person limit on assisted living waiver – amendment filed to current waiver would increase limit to 3000 in the current SFY and 4000 next year
- Adding new services to IO waiver

Consumer Satisfaction and Quality of Life

- Survey of resident satisfaction in nursing facilities and residential care facilities currently underway
- Data will be posted to the long-term care consumer guide website
- ODA exploring low-cost ways to expand consumer guide to include HCBS providers

Consumer Satisfaction and Quality of Life (continued)

- Transitions Workgroup has subgroup to examine existing behavioral health benefits and services and to develop strategies to improve them.

Encouraging Ohioans to Plan Ahead

- Improved family/individual planning in DD system
- Reemphasis on Own Your Future and a more strategic approach to public education.
- HB 1 emphasis on long-term care consultations

Linking Disparate Services Across Agencies & Jurisdictions

- EMMA work on interagency efficiencies
- County Collaborative project involving 18 rural/Appalachian counties
- Regional collaboration

Transparency and Consistency in Rate Setting Process

- EMMA has convened interagency workgroup
- Public Consulting Group recommendations to ODA
- SPA to move toward a fee schedule for behavioral health services/movement away from provider specific rate process

Accurate Expenditure Forecasting

- EMMA-facilitated forecasting group already meeting, collecting and analyzing currently available data – focused on phase one activity

Constraints and Challenges

- Budget!
- Enrollment management for Medicaid HCBS waivers and PACE