

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
EMPLOYMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2005 – 10:00AM (Rm 349A)
DEPT OF LABOR – WILM, DE

PRESENT: Andrea Guest, DOL; Doyle Dobbins, Delarf; Theda Ellis, Delaware Autism; Penny Chelucci, DSAMH; Mike Shriver, MBNA; and Victor Orija, (DSAAPD).

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am

BUSINESS

1. Welcome, introduction, approval of agenda and minutes.
2. Commission update.
3. MBI update.
4. Other items.

Theda moved for adoption of minutes, she was seconded by Penny. Agenda was approved.

Commission Update:

Next Commission meeting will be in December. Date and location are to be announced.

Medicaid Buy-In (MBI) Update:

- Andrea reiterated that MBI topped the list of recommendations to the Commission.
- At the November 2005 DHSS Budget hearing, Secretary Meconi proposed \$394.6k for MBI infrastructure in the 2007 budget. However, no one knows which of the 5 MBI plans are being proposed by Secretary Meconi.
- According to Andrea, the State of Connecticut has a 450% income limit for MBI. She is acquainted with the MBI official in Connecticut, and may arrange a conference call to enable us learn more about the Connecticut program. At 450% income limit level, more people are afforded the opportunity to work. Andrea also indicated that at the 450% level, Connecticut may be finding out that the population MBI is designed to help may not necessarily be making this level of income.
- Andrea and Doyle will meet with Representatives Bethany Hall-Long and O'berlee to familiarize them with the MBI concept and inherent benefits.

\$250k Commission Fund:

- The Commission has requested each subcommittee to suggest how fund should be expended.
- The only guideline is that it must be a one-time expense. According to Mike, the Commission was to have developed other guidelines.
- There have been suggestions from other subcommittees that fund be used for a full time Commission staff, and a resource person to promote the “comprehensive database” concept.
- The Employment subcommittee does not see enough workload to justify a full time personnel. However, membership suggested:
 - >A student intern, graduate student or
 - >Someone from the Public Ally / Public Policy Group.Mike McCommick (Center for Disabilities Studies) may offer some input on how to proceed.

Questions from Assessment Subcommittee:

- According to the Employment subcommittee, the design elements of the MBI should constitute the data elements that Rita is seeking (Question1)
- The current gaps lie in the fact that the various data are housed in various agencies with their respective “silo” effects. Silo effect is that each agency is very protective of it’s information/data. (Question2)
- Also, The Employment subcommittee wants the Assessment subcommittee to supply the following:
 - >Who is to be assessed?
 - >What type of software will be used?

General:

- Employment subcommittee suggests that the Assessment subcommittee should explore the possibility of a “System Transformation Grant” for the entire state. This will enable Assessment subcommittee to promote “system change” across the state.
- Harry Hill also reiterated that the \$250k Commission fund must be for a one-time expenditure.
- Commission should not spend the \$250k fund until it is certain that the MBI fund has been appropriated and is available in the 2007 budget.
- Commission should develop a guideline on how the \$250k should be expended.

NEXT MEETING:

February 2, 2006. (10:00am to noon); Room 349A, Dept of Labor (DOL)
 4425 N. Market St, Wilmington, DE.

Medicaid Buy-In (MBI)
 Model I vs. Model II (a comparison)

<i>Design Element</i>	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4	Model 5
Countable Income Limit (i.e., earned and unearned)	300% FPL	275% FPL	250% FPL	275% FPL	250% FPL
Income Disregards					
<i>Unearned Income</i>	Totally Disregarded	Disregarded 100% up to \$800; above \$800, not eligible	No Unearned Income is Disregarded	Disregarded 100% up to SSI Standard Payment; Else ineligible.	Disregarded 100% up to SSI Standard Payment; Else ineligible.
Definition of Family	MBI Participant only for Eligibility	Income of the Spouse is considered for Eligibility	MBI Participant only for Eligibility	MBI Participant only for Eligibility	Income of the Spouse is considered for Eligibility
Number meeting disability and financial eligibility criteria	36,653	20,617	32,958	18,095	15,277
Of these, number who will work	4,649	3,019	4,082	2,475	2,159
Of these, number who will participate	656	403	549	374	312
Of these, number new Medicaid enrollees	516	289	409	285	224
Number enrollees with cost share	295	102	212	95	58
Medicaid spending per participant	\$12,976	\$12,976	\$12,976	\$12,976	\$12,976
Total Medicaid spending for new participants	\$6,695,616	\$3,750,064	\$5,307,184	\$3,698,160	\$2,906,624
State Share of Total Medicaid spending for new participants	\$3,347,808	\$1,875,032	\$2,653,592	\$1,849,080	\$1,453,312
Offsets to the State					
<i>State Share of Premiums Collected</i>	\$260,253	\$48,610	\$146,481	\$60,749	\$24,847
<i>Additional State Taxes</i>	\$194,017	\$55,687	\$115,275	\$43,936	\$31,646
<i>State Supplement Payments</i>	\$126,256	\$126,256	\$126,256	\$126,256	\$126,256
Total Offsets to the State	\$580,526	\$230,553	\$388,012	\$230,941	\$182,749
Total Cost to the State	\$2,767,282	\$1,644,479	\$2,265,580	\$1,618,139	\$1,270,563

**Governor's Commission on Community-Based
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**Employment Subcommittee
2006 Meeting Dates**

**All meetings will be held at the Department of Labor
4425 No. Market St., Wilm., DE (Room 349A)
10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon**

February 2nd

April 6th

June 1st

August 3rd

October 5th

December 7th