

Fairbanks Community Forum: Themes and Issues Raised

November 10, 2015

Need transportation and companion to go to doctor's appointment. (2x)

Expressed need for supported employment. (1x)

Caveat based on personal experience: "Do not roll out the State plan options like Oregon did." [Oregon moved services under the State plan and rolled out all at once resulting in much confusion for consumers and providers.] (1x)

With a greater demand for services, workforce adequacy needs to be addressed. (1x)

Endorsement for live-in caregiver/family member payment. (1x)

Expressed need for anything that will help expand or make more robust the system for behavioral health services; noted increase in suicides in the State. (1x)

Need to think through adequacy of community support (i.e., number of hours) to prevent institutionalization; consumer gave example of need for assistance overnight which has been cut. (1x)

Concerns about no longer being eligible for service after 65 and how to transition to Medicare. (1x)

Need to select target populations for the 1915 (i) option with an eye to cost savings in other State Departments, e.g., judicial system, correctional system. (1x)

Interest in understanding the future of the "Consumer Directed Personal Care" program. (1x)

Clarification requested as to whether there will be a change for providers of Applied Behavior Analysis services that bill under the 1915c waiver. (1x)

Clarification requested about whether services currently covered by the Adults with Physical Disabilities waiver would fall under the 1915 (i) or (k) options or both. (1x)