

Money Follows the Person: Today and the Future
October 10, 2012
2:00-3:00pm
Worcester Public Library, 3 Salem St. Worcester, MA

Attendees (signed-in):

Maura Armstrong, Soloman Badajide, Patricia Babajide, Jason Bush, Jessica Carpenter, Don Chamberlain, Leslie Courtney, Danna Delaney Young, Mary DeRoo, Erin Dore, Maribeth Fisher, Robin Foley, James Fuccione, Carla Guenette, Lisa Gu rgone, Kristina Hals, Jane Harris -Fale, Steve Higgins, Sarah Hogan, David Huffman, Laurie Hutcheson, Theresa Kelly, Adrienne Langlois, Andria Lenepru, Linda Long, Linda Long-Belli, Karen Longo, Phil Magnusson, Carole Malone, Maddy Martinez, Lisa Mcdowell, Lisa McParland, Robin Miller, Pam Morin, Veronica Mulcahy, Ephraim Njorge, Al Norman, Tara O'Connor, Debbie Orzack, Phil Philbin, Katherine Powers, Joy Reed, Deborah Reed, Maria Regan, Lena Riccardi, Mike Richards, Mary Roach, Diane Rosenbeck, Nina Rosen berg, Kate Russell, Barry Schwartz, Maureen Siergie, Pam Sheehan, Loren Singer, Renee Smith, Rob Sneirson, Betty Sughrue - Sneirson, Lynda Sullivan, Susan Tomkins -Hunt, Vi Tran, Joseph Tringali, Sheila Tylus, Mary Valachaic, Rich Weisenflue

Meeting Material: Money Follows the Person: Today and the Future – PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers: Barry Schwartz – MFP Project Office; Charles Carr – Commissioner; MRC, Robin Callahan – Deputy Medicaid Director for Policy Programs

Topic	Discussion/Questions & Responses/Follow-up
Introduction Lead: Commissioner Charles Car	Barry Schwartz introduces Commissioner Carr (via phone) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commissioner Carr thanks meeting attendees for their investment in Money Follows the Person and highlights the MFP demonstration as a n unprecedented opportunity to assist more individuals to live in the community. The stakeholder involvement throughout the process is vital to the success of the demonstration. The Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission will provide monitoring and oversi ght throughout the duration of the project.
MFP Demo Presentation Lead: Robin Callahan	Robin Callahan presents a Power Point presentation on the MFP Demonstration progress to date and next steps. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MFP is a multi-phased project in which resources will be increasingly moved into the community• EHS has convened 14 stakeholders meetings since October 2012. Stakeholder involvement continues to shape the direction of the MFP demonstration• Components of the Massachusetts MFP Demonstration discussed include: the new state wide housing coordinator position, the creation of the a MFP Rebalancing Fund to be financed by the enhanced federal match on MFP service dollars, new community support services, and the regional approach to coordinating office implementati on

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Regional Coordination Offices (RCOs) that will be procured by the state will be responsible for: outreach and MFP demonstration enrollment in public health chronic disease and rehabilitation hospitals, MFP waiver enrollment, organizing case management for the two MFP waivers (Residential Support and Community Living), and the provision of 24 hour back up services for certain MFP participants • The Money Follows the Person Request for Responses (RFR) is scheduled to posted in early November. A Bidders Conference will be scheduled upon the release of the RFR. • Selection of the RCOs is anticipated in January 2013.
<p>Q&A</p> <p>Lead: Stakeholder Questions</p>	<p><u>Comments, Questions & Answers</u></p> <p>Q: MFP 811 Housing application and MFP budget requested by Al Norman. A: <i>A copy of each will be sent to Al.</i></p> <p>Q: How will ADRCs interact with RCOs? What steps will be taken for staff and organizations that are currently assisting individuals to transition into the community prior to the implementation of the RCOs? A: <i>ASAPs and other agencies that have assisted with transitioning MFP participants will be reimbursed. Relationships with ADRCs will need to be developed with each RCO.</i></p> <p>Q: Has any consideration been given to using funds from the Rebalancing Fund to pay for transportation support for individuals with disabilities? Executive Office of Transportation and Construction should be a considered a partners for this. A: <i>New MFP Waivers will include transportation as a covered service. The waivers will be a conduit for transportation.</i></p> <p>Q: For individuals with 24/7 support needs housing will need to be developed. Are funds available to renovate or build homes for this under MFP? Housing providers/builders needs assurances that if housing is built individuals will occupy the new residence. A: <i>MFP funds do not provide for startup or provide funding to providers to make renovations. There are other resources that may be available for building and renovation. We do realize that providers will need to work closely with the RCO in order to ensure that if there is an identified group that needs an accessible site, providers will minimize their risk if they invest in this direction.</i></p> <p>Q: Does the timeline of the HUD 811 Housing application align with the new</p>

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	<p>MFP waiver timeline? <i>A: Housing developers can apply in January 2013. The Statewide Housing Coordinator is currently conducting an environmental scan and a gap analysis of the accessible and affordable housing options in Massachusetts.</i></p> <p>Q: Will a consumer consultant group be convened to review the MFP Procurement as was done with the Duals Procurement? <i>A: Yes</i></p> <p>Q: Independent Living Centers are, like ASAPs, currently supporting transitions. What will happen to these transitions? <i>A: The Virtual Gateway, currently under development, will be used to track and reimburse for MFP qualified transitions. When in place, RCOs will pay partner agencies per placement for successful transitions. Both ASAPs and ILCs could become or work with RCOs through procurement process.</i></p> <p>Q: Text on slide 9 states that RCOs will “Provide Case Management” but this already exists in the community. <i>A: This can be changed to include provide or find Case Management -it’s up to each RCO.</i></p>
<p>MFP Workgroups</p> <p>Lead: Barry Schwartz</p>	<p><u>MFP Workgroups</u></p> <p>Barry Schwartz announced the formation of three additional stakeholder workgroups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training – Facilitator: Barry Schwartz (new) • Outreach Material – Facilitator: Michael Richards (new) • Housing – Facilitator: Kristina Hals • Wheeled Mobility (has been operational and will continue) - Facilitator: Karen Langley <p>Meeting participants were asked to sign up for these work groups with respective facilitators.</p>
<p>Next Stakeholder Meeting</p>	<p>Date: November 28, 2012 Time: 2:00-3:30pm Location: Transportation Building, 1 Park Plaza Building, Boston, MA</p>