



Promoting Wellness and Recovery

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Residential State Supplement Legislative Review Draft Recommendations

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Today's Agenda

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
- III. Review Draft Recommendations
- IV. Next Steps



RSS Legislative Review Timeline - Revised

| Date | Type of Meeting/Work Activity | Description |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| 9/24/13 | 1 st Workgroup Meeting | Background & Scope for Workgroup, Brainstorm |
| 10/2/13 | 2 nd Workgroup Meeting | Identify RSS Eligibility Criteria and Allowable Fees for ACF Operators |
| Weeks of 10/7/13 & 10/14/13 | Consumer Surveys | Regional Phone Surveys with RSS Consumers & ACF Residents |
| 10/9/13 | 3 rd Workgroup Meeting | Discuss Allowable Fees, Disparity Issues, Assisted Living; Frame Issues for Community Forums |
| 10/16/13 | 1 st Community Forum | Heartland Behavioral Healthcare |
| 10/22/13 | 2 nd Community Forum | Summit Behavioral Healthcare |
| 10/25/13 | 3 rd Community Forum | Cuyahoga County ADAMHS Board |
| 10/30/13 | 4 th Workgroup Meeting | Review Consumer Survey Results & Community Forum Feedback |
| 11/21/13 | 5 th Workgroup Meeting | Review Draft Recommendations |
| 12/4/13 | <i>Workgroup Comments Due</i> | Response to Draft Recommendations |
| 1/1/14 | Recommendations Due to Legislature | |

Purpose of Review

- *SFY 2014-15 Budget:*

“The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall, with the input of stakeholders and impacted state agencies, conduct a review of the state and federal rules and statutes governing the Residential State Supplement Program and report on potential improvements to be made in governing the program not later than January 1, 2014.”



Current State of RSS Program

- Program's Purpose
 - Eligibility Criteria
- Funding
- Current Operations
 - Enrollment Process
 - Eligible Residences
 - Allowable Fees



Limitations of the Current State

- Program does not prevent premature or unnecessary institutionalization
- Allowable fee rates remain unchanged
- Disparities among ACF residents (RSS and non-RSS)
- Disparities among residents with RSS per income type (SSI and Social Security or SSDI)

The Review Process - Principles

- Sustain Housing that Supports Community Living in Integrated Settings
- Support Quality Care to Increase Positive Consumer Outcomes
- Reduce Disparities among ACF/AFoH Residents
- Plan within Scarcity of State Resources
- Facilitate Systemic Collaboration

The Review Process - Objectives

- Describe current state of RSS, including structure, governance, funding, and current operations
- Identify rules, statutes, and policies that may impact future program administration
- Identify stakeholder interests and concerns regarding RSS and allowable fees for home operators
- Educate stakeholders regarding the need to preserve current housing stock for individuals with behavioral health issues and other disabilities
- Foster consensus among stakeholders to prioritize potential recommendations

Stakeholder Considerations



- Workgroup
- Community Forums
- Consumer Phone Surveys

Rationale for Recommendations

Opportunity to improve a program which supports housing stock for adults with disabilities by providing financial assistance to individuals who are at risk of institutionalization

- RSS is more cost-effective and supports community living at \$635/month or \$20/day
 - Institutional settings
 - Nursing Home: \$4,030/month or \$130/day
 - State Psychiatric Hospital: \$17,763/month or \$573/day
- Quality of Care is linked to home operators' financial resources
 - Adequate staff & training opportunities
 - Currently receive \$774 - \$877/month or \$25 - \$28/day

Draft Recommendations

- 1) Open program enrollment to current residents of Adult Care Facilities and Adult Foster Homes in order to align operations with rule by preventing premature or unnecessary institutionalization of individuals who would otherwise meet RSS eligibility criteria.
 - a. Collaborate with ODA and ODM to develop procedure for Level of Care determinations for applicants who are not receiving treatment in a nursing home at the time of application.

Draft Recommendations

- 2) Increase allowable fees so all eligible residences receive the same rates for the same services provided, i.e., increase the allowable fees for Adult Family and Foster Homes to the same rates as Adult Group Homes and Residential Care Facilities.
 - a. Develop a tiered rate system in order to address the increased costs incurred by home operators when they provide specialized services for residents with additional needs.

Draft Recommendations

- 3) Develop a standardized fee schedule for ancillary services as an addendum to current Resident Agreements, e.g., transportation provided by home operators.

Draft Recommendations

- 4) Pursue the COLA issue with state and federal agencies in order to address disparities among RSS consumers per type of income.
 - a. Determine whether the federal pass-along provision for SSI recipients is being correctly applied in Ohio and if so, pursue communications at the federal level regarding possible changes.
 - b. Determine whether the income disregard for Social Security and SSDI recipients should be increased.

Workgroup Feedback

*All comments regarding RSS Legislative
Review Draft Recommendations are
due by COB*

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