

12-13-23

Budget Authority Workgroup Notes Agenda



1. Welcome

Melissa Frash, Angela Martin, Jan Lampman,
Laura Demeuse, Tayler McQuay, Heather Hallett, Marie Eagle,
Tonya Schwerin, Stephanie Laird, Jill Gerrie, Courtney Trunk,
Sheryl Kuenzer

Jan asked us to share our holiday (or non-holiday) traditions.

2. Draft Recommendations and Strategies

- New Qualtrics Survey Results – Angela thanked everyone for their prompt responses. Angela shared the five recommendations the group picked.
 - Budget Flexibility – You should be able to move some money between line items without it being a huge process
 - Lack of use of money should not result in a reduction in budgets, especially when a lack of staffing prevents services.
 - Training/ Education: There needs to be robust training for people served regarding self-directed services (managing budgets, hiring/supervising, etc.). Who does the training?
 - Instead of talking about what we can give you at the beginning of the process, start with a need. Stop talking



about the services/hours first, talk about what kind of life a person wants first. Do Person- Centered Planning.

- There was a close vote on the fifth priority between two items:
 - Training/ Education: Get the PIHPs to stop adding additional training requirements. But do add training that individual wants. Get rid of excessive training so people can use that money to fund what they really need.
 - Training/ Education: Simplify rules – make it easier for and encourage CMHs to be creative.

- We talked about combining some items because they were closely related.

➤ We will have a small group work on the new priorities. Will schedule something for after the first of the year – one meeting only. Jill, Jan, Stephanie, Marie, Tonya, and Melissa volunteered to work on the recommendations. Angela will send a Doodle Poll.



- Updates – We will be presenting our recommendations to the DD Council's Program Committee on 1/9/24. After that, the Program Committee (and us) will present everything to the full DD Council (probably doesn't meet until May). From there it will go to the Department.



- From there we will need to present to groups within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and then to other agencies like the Community Mental Health Board Association. It was suggested that we plan to put together a request to present at their fall conference.

- Draft One-Page Recommendations – We looked at this. It is attached to the longer version that includes the strategies.
- We reviewed the barriers in the recommendations.
- A big thank you to everyone for all your work on the recommendations!

3. Budget Template – Jan gets grace



4. Accessibility – Jill gets grace too



5. MDHHS Update



- Laura's report can be found here: <https://arcmi.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2023/12/12.-PAS-Dept-Update-Dec-23.pdf>
- Any news about groups seeing the draft waiver(s) before public comment? Not currently.
- EVV – What is the timeline? Issues with multiple different systems and state security protocols. Lots of people will have access to the system, which means lots of issues! The

last thought was starting on 3/1/24. Home Help will go last, and Home **Health** will go first.

- Any news on waiver renewals? Is there a timeline? Getting financial information from Milliman now. Draft is expected in January.(?)
- Self-Directed Services Training series – four different presentations, last one is tomorrow (12/14). Mainly system folks attend, which is good. Thanks for recording the sessions and keeping them on the website! [Person Centered Planning Quality Improvement Project Webinars - Michigan \(arcmi.org\)](https://www.arcmi.org)

- There was a question about paying staff for meals while providing support to people using self-directed services.



- ✓ After some discussion, it was decided that if the activity meets the goals of the person’s plan, meals can get covered. Need to make sure resources are there. How will we make sure that everyone understands this? **It can be added to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) per Marie.**



We want to avoid a telephone game with the message getting changed. The question was asked if it can be posted to the state’s site so that if you are a system’s person you will believe it? Never mind... we looked at the MDHHS web site that still lists Mike Head as a contact (from over 10 years ago).

6. Help Desk



- Helpdesk update: [https://arcmi.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2023/12/05.-2023-Help-Desk-review .pdf](https://arcmi.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2023/12/05.-2023-Help-Desk-review.pdf)
- Question about employee and CMH wanting to pull a Medicaid agreement from an employee. Because they are not compliant with training. They need to talk to the Employer first and if they agree, they should suspend the employee until the training is completed. The employer is still letting the employee work. Lots of issues here and it is complicated. Lots of education is needed for several people! Employers need to understand if there is no money and they have employees work, they will be responsible for the pay. Will get covered tomorrow at training. **CMH cannot stop payment for staff that let their training lapse.** So, who enforces this and makes sure CMHs are doing the correct thing?

7. Other

- Washtenaw Waskul Settlement will be attached to these notes.



Future Meeting Dates

- 01/10/24
- 02/14/24
- 03/13/24
- 04/10/24



- **05/08/24**
- **06/12/24**
- **07/10/24**
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