

Summary of Settlement Agreement with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

DDS entered into an Agreement with CMS to continue funding for FDC and PDC GTA on July 1, 2016. CMS funds about half of the budget for the operation of the developmental centers. Key activities identified in the Agreement and its Attachments are:

Independent Monitoring

- DDS will hire an Independent Monitor (IM) to perform frequent monitoring at the DC with emphasis on Client Protections, Health Care, Behavioral Health and Active Treatment
- DDS will provide a client placement status list to CMS monthly
- DDS will provide a quarterly report on potential homes and development of new homes

Transition Planning and Activity

- Interdisciplinary (ID) Teams will review each person's transition needs and will include transition milestones in each person's Individualized Program Plan (IPP)
- DCs are to develop a plan for staff and residents to explore living options in the community
- DDS/Regional Centers are to increase opportunities for families to become familiar with community options [presentations, tours, and "meet & greets" with potential providers]
- Once a placement match has been made, Transition Planning Meetings (TPM) will be held. These will include a calendar of cross training and transitional activities with new provider, with a projected placement date
- The TPM will also be used to develop an Individualized Health Plan and, when needed, a Behavior and Safety Transition Plan
- When a placement date is finalized, a Transition Review Meeting (TRM) will be held at least 2 weeks in advance of the move date to confirm that arrangements for the move, made via TPM, have been implemented

Post-Move Monitoring

- Post-Move Monitoring will occur for a year after each person's move, with face-to-face visits by appropriate staff from both the Regional Resource Development Project (PRP/SCRIP) and the person's Regional Center
- A post-move quality management system will also monitor consumer outcomes and satisfaction via National Core Indicator survey, onsite visits, interviews, etc.
- DDS will advertise the reporting and complaint process to transitioning consumers and require vendors to publicize information
- DDS will make improvements and document action taken based on post-placement incident investigations, and report to CMS on a semi-annual basis