

# **Developmental Services Task Force**

July 31, 2019

## **I. Welcome & Introductions**

## **II. Task Force Accomplishments**

### **DC Task Force**

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- In May 2013, the Secretary of CA Health and Human Services Agency announced establishment of the “Task Force on the Future of Developmental Centers” (DC Task Force)
- Chaired by the Secretary and composed of individuals with a developmental disability, family members, advocates, providers, regional center (RC) and state staff

## **DC Task Force**

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- A plan for the future of developmental centers (DC)
  - Addresses service needs of all DC residents and ensures the delivery of cost-effective, integrated, quality services
- Task Force's "Plan for the Future of Developmental Centers in California" was released in January 2014
- Plan included six recommendations

## **DS Task Force**

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- In July 2014, the Secretary of CA Health and Human Services Agency reconvened the DC Task Force to form the Developmental Services Task Force (DS Task Force)
- Five new members with expertise specific to community-based services
- Focus was to identify ways to strengthen services and supports in the community for individuals with a developmental disability

## DS Task Force

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- Four distinct workgroups were created to examine
  - Service Provider Rates
  - RC Operations
  - Community Supports and Safety Net Services
  - Housing and Employment

## Guiding Principles

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- The Task Force expressed strong interest in capturing the principles that should be fundamentally included in every subject area and used as a goal or guide when considering changes to the community system
- These guidelines include acknowledgement of:
  - Entitlement to lifelong services
  - Culturally & linguistically appropriate services to be based on carefully crafted & person-centered IPPs, enabling choice & responsive to consumers/families
  - Community integration & consumer rights
  - Fiscal accountability, transparency & responsibility
  - Flexibility to address choice & special circumstances

*Refer to handout page 1*

## **Accomplishments**

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- Expansion of ARFPSHN Model
- New Models of Care
  - STAR Homes
  - EBSH
  - CCH
- Safety Net Plan
- Mobile Crisis Services
  - CAST
- Expansion of DE/SP
- Developmental Center Transitions & Closures
- Identification & Utilization of New Resources
- Rate Study

## **III. Updates**

## Developmental Center Closures

### May 1, 2015 Closure Population – 886

Developmental Center	5/1/2015	7/30/2019
Fairview DC	278	35
Porterville DC – GTA	203	30
Sonoma DC	405	0

### New Capacity

Developmental Center	Total Approved Start-Up Projects	
	Projects	Capacity
Fairview DC	57	226
Porterville DC	33	150
Sonoma DC	107	419
Total	197	795

## Manny's Community Story

- Manny moved from Porterville Developmental Center to his home just over two years ago
- Within a short time of moving into his new home, Manny enjoyed BBQing for himself and his housemates
- Manny enjoys time spent in the community by volunteering with Sequoia Riverland Trust at Dry Creek Preserve where he plants trees, pulls weeds, digs holes, and goes hiking
- Manny's favorite activities include eating at Pizza Factory and playing games at the arcade, going bowling, hiking and to the movies
- Manny has been on several trips including Pismo Beach, Monterey Bay Aquarium, The Fresno Zoo, and recently participated in a color run at a local community center

## Manny in the Community

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## Valerie's Community Story

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- Valerie moved from Sonoma Developmental Center in 2017 to a home in Northern California
- Valerie participates in day services and enjoys many community outings with her peers, including out of town trips to Disneyland, Lake Tahoe and San Francisco
- Valerie is expressing herself more and is now telling people her name and other simple words
- Valerie has a strong relationship with her mother, stepfather and her siblings who reside near her
- Valerie enjoys time with her family either in her home or visiting the family's home

## Valerie in the Community



## Safety Net Update

- EBSH, CCH, ARFPSHNs
  - CCH children expansion
- STAR Expansion
- Other Crisis Services & Wraparound Supports
  - CAST
  - IMD Wraparound
  - STP Transition Supports
  - RC Crisis Contracts
    - START

*Refer to handout pages 2-17*



## **Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule**

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- Training and information contract with Public Consulting Group and Support Development Associates beginning November 2018, to conduct trainings on the Final Rule
  - 14 trainings, in-person and webinars, will be held across the state in 2019
  - Trainings will start with webinars to be held on August 1, August 8, August 14 and August 20
  - No cost to training participants and open to the public
- Trainings will provide information and support for stakeholders on the Final Rule

## **Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule**

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- Provider self-assessment process is targeted to begin fall 2019, upon completion of training
- Person-centered planning and thinking contract with Support Development Associates for a broad, statewide training for stakeholders to include consumers, families and providers
- Provider on-site assessment contract - RFP targeted for posting by September 2019
- The HCBS Workgroup met May 2019 - discussed upcoming trainings, consumer input and HCBS funding

## Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule

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- Since FY 2016-17, \$45 million awarded to fund projects for providers to move towards compliance
- 429 total projects funded for Residential Services (109), Day Services (257) & Employment Services (63)
- Progress towards compliance
  - Successful transition to integrated settings such as paid internships and competitive employment
  - Trainings for consumers, families, and staff on creating person-centered plans

*Refer to handout pages 18-20*

## Self-Determination

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- RCs are conducting orientations and enrolling individuals selected to participate in the Self-Determination Program (SDP)
- Of the 2,500 individuals initially selected, 2,166 remain with SDP
- DDS will survey individuals who elected not to participate
- Second selection is targeted for September 2019

## Self-Determination

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- Monthly Implementation Tracking by RC
  - Orientation
  - Person-centered plan
  - Spending plan
  - Transitioned from traditional RC services to SDP
  - Identify barriers to participation

## Self Determination

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- Financial Management Services providers by RC are listed on the DDS website
- Pilot participants are actively transitioning to SDP
- Once pilot participants have transitioned, the state will realize an estimated \$2.8 million in federal financial participation funds
  - WIC Section 4685.8(g) specifies how funds will be used

## **Rate Study**

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- Rate study submitted to the Legislature in March 2019
- 2019 Budget Trailer Bill, SB 81, requires DDS to do the following:
  - By October 1, 2019, post to its internet website a summary of the public comments, responses to those comments, and any appropriate and necessary changes to the rate models
  - Consult with a broad and balanced group of stakeholders to discuss system reforms, including fiscal reforms, to better serve consumers with developmental disabilities

## **Supplemental Rate Increase**

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- 2019 Budget and trailer bill includes time-limited funding for supplemental rate increases to specified services
- DDS will submit the request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) upon completion of the 30-day public comment period
  - The 30-day public comment period begins this Friday (8/2/19)

## Efforts to Address Equity & Reduce Disparities

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### 2012, AB 1472

- Requires purchase of service (POS) data reports and RC meetings with their communities

### 2013, SB 555

- Language accessibility requirements (Individual Program Plan/ Individualized Family Service Plan)

### 2015, SB 82

- DDS must meet with stakeholders to discuss POS data, identify barriers, and develop recommendations for reducing disparities

### 2016, ABX2 I

- \$11 million annually for regional centers' efforts to address POS disparities

### 2017, AB 107

- Community-based organizations can apply for \$11 million in funding to address POS disparities
- CPP/CRDP projects to be person-centered, culturally and linguistically appropriate community resources
- Removal of respite cap

## Efforts to Address Equity & Reduce Disparities

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### • Participation in Community of Practice

*"Our vision is to create transformational changes toward a culturally and linguistically competent developmental disabilities system, which reflects service quality and is responsive to the beliefs, values, attitudes, language, behaviors, and choices of individuals who receive services."*

- Director's Disparity Advisory Group
- Cultural Specialists at DDS and RCs
- Statewide Cultural and Linguistic Sensitivity Training
- Performance Contracts
- NCI Questions
- Self-Determination Participant Selection

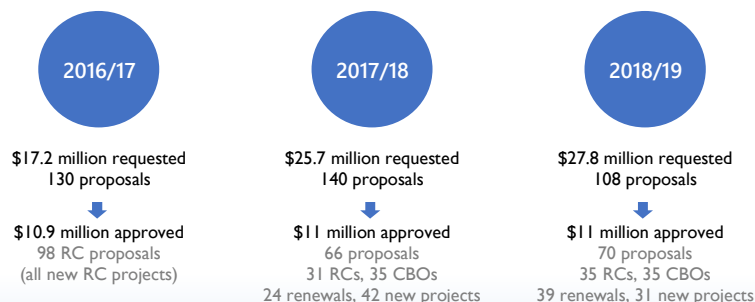
## Statewide Disparity Measures

1. High-Level Comparison of Purchase of Service (POS) Expenditures by Age, Ethnicity and Language
2. Timely Eligibility Determination: Birth Through Two Years
3. Access to Early Start Services: Birth Through Two Years
4. Early Start Utilization Rate
5. POS Equity: Youth
6. Equity in Adaptive Skills Training: Youth
7. Respite and Personal Assistance Equity: Youth
8. Personal Assistance Services Equity
9. Equity for Language Diversity
10. Equity in Supported Living Services and Independent Living Services: Adults
11. Equity in Supported Work Programs: Working-Age Adults

Links to [Measures](#) and [Background](#)

## Disparity Funds Program

- Since FY 2016-17, DDS has awarded \$33 million to fund projects aimed at addressing equity and reducing disparities



Refer to handout pages 21-31

## **Budget Trailer Bill Summary**

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- 2019 Budget Trailer Bill, SB 81, was signed by the Governor on June 27, 2019
  - System and fiscal reforms
  - Oversight, accountability and transparency
  - Service quality
  - Information access
  - Service provider rates
  - Crisis and other safety net services
  - Serving individuals with complex service needs
  - Reducing reliance on institutions for mental disease

## **IV. Discussion**

## **DS Task Force Membership & Framework**

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- Applications for membership
- Full Task Force and/or Workgroups
- Key considerations
  - Representation of the community, such as, self-advocate, family member, ethnicity, geographic, service types, etc.
  - Group size
  - Meeting location and frequency
  - Additional considerations...

**V. Lunch**  
**12:00 pm – 12:45 pm**



## **VI. Discussion**

### **Potential Workgroups**

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- Safety Net
- Service Access & Equity
- System/Fiscal Reform
- Community Resources
- Oversight, Accountability & Transparency
- Other...

## Considerations for all Workgroups

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- Should there be a charter?
- Reports out at the full DS Task Force meeting to broaden the scope
- Linguistically and culturally sensitive
- Person-centered thinking
- Outcome based discussions
- Translation needs
- Other items

## Safety Net

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- Safety Net Plan, released May 2017
  - DS Task Force Workgroup
  - Framework for developing a continuum of essential intensive supports to include crisis services
  - Delivered within the context of person-centered thinking, positive behavior supports, trauma-informed care and cultural and linguistic competence
- Safety Net Plan update due to Legislature on or before January 10, 2020

## Safety Net

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- Updated plan to be developed in consultation with stakeholders and will
  - Evaluate the progress made to create a safety net
  - Identify the further areas the stakeholder community suggests evaluating, and recommendations from the stakeholder community
  - Consider new models of care for individuals whom private sector vendors cannot or will not serve

(SB 81, Section 6; WIC Section 4474.16)

## Service Access & Equity

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- Bring discussion to a state level
  - Program accomplishments and focus on priority areas
  - Review completed and active projects and their effectiveness
  - Make recommendations on data presentation to enhance community discussions
  - Monitor statewide measures

## **System/Fiscal Reform**

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- SB 81, Section 8 (WIC Section 4519.4)
- Beginning in the summer of 2019, DDS will consult with a broad and balanced group of stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the DS Task Force, to discuss system reforms, including fiscal reforms, to better serve consumers with developmental disabilities

## **System/Fiscal Reform**

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- DDS will
  - Engage with self-advocates, families, and service providers across different geographic regions of the state, including urban and rural areas, and from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, age groups, diagnoses, and service categories
  - Consider a wide variety of perspectives of self-advocates, families, and service providers to discuss potential outcomes associated with different approaches to system reform

## **System/Fiscal Reform**

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- Identify key consumer outcomes and measurable targets
- Evaluate compliance with federal rules relating to home and community-based services
  - May also be discussed in Community Resources workgroup
- Discuss how feedback may be collected about the reforms, and how this information may be used to make changes to, and adapt, the system over time

## **Community Resources**

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- Employment
- Housing
- HCBS
- Community Resource Development Plan
- Medical & Dental
- Behavioral Health
- AB 2083

## **Oversight, Accountability and Transparency**

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- Recommend key indicators to track the RC system's delivery of services
- Indicators to include both local and statewide measures and recommendations for analysis and follow-up of any concerning trends

## **Oversight, Accountability and Transparency**

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- Provide recommendations for measuring and improving consumer outcomes
- Goals for system improvement include
  - Enhancing customer service for consumers and their families
  - Facilitate communication throughout the state (i.e., DDS, RC)
  - Identify and disseminate best practices for service providers

## **Oversight, Accountability and Transparency**

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- 2019 Budget Trailer Bill includes other requirements to improve oversight, accountability and transparency
  - RC Performance
  - Service Quality
  - Board Governance
  - Information Access

## **VII. Public Comment**

## **VIII. Next Steps**