Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rules CONCEPT FORM

Vendor name	Nicolet 2 Care Home
Vendor number(s)	HB 0785
Primary regional center	Regional Center of the East By
Service type(s)	Adult Residential Facility – 4B
Service code(s)	915
Number of consumers currently serving	6
Please describe your person-centered approach ¹ in the concept development process; how did you involve the individuals for whom you provide services?	Creation of a person-centered approach with full integration of residents within the greater community has always been the goal of Nicolet 2 Care Home. The needs and preferences of residents were discussed individually with the residents together with their family, friends, and everyone associated with their care. Together we developed a care plan for each resident and the means they prefer to receive the services.
Does the concept address unmet service needs or service disparities? If so, how?	Yes. The concept identified the unmet services, addressed the new requirements, and proposed changes as indicated in the narrative below.
Barriers to compliance with the HCBS rules and/or project implementation	 Limited accessibility of information in the community. There is no available computer and tablet in the facility to access events in the community and to enable residents to communicate with family and friends. There is no private room available for any resident who wish to have privacy in his/her own room. Bedrooms and bathrooms currently have no locks, also preventing privacy. Inability to accommodate a client who uses a wheelchair and to
	 simultaneously offer individual community activities to clients since the home only has a regular van. Limited accessibility of physical plant: (a) In one bathroom, the tub is not an easily accessible for clients who have physical disability who want to shower alone. (b) Washer is not reachable to client who uses wheelchair (c) Deck is not fully functional.
Narrative/description of the project. Identify which HCBS federal requirements are currently out of	Most of the clients at Nicolet 2 Care Home have been with in this facility for about 20 years and their physical and mental condition have changed thus their needs and services have also changed.

¹ A person-centered approach emphasizes what is important to the individual who receives services and focuses on personal preferences, satisfaction, and choice of supports in accessing the full benefits of community living. For more information regarding person-centered practices, please visit <u>http://www.nasddds.org/resource-library/person-centered-practices/</u>

compliance; include justification for funding request	Our aim is to fully support our residents by eliminating barriers that prevent integration within the community. The following are federal requirements we request funding to achieve compliance with HCBS rules and offer the best services for our residents.
	Federal Requirement #4: Optimizes but does not regiment individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices, including, but not limited to, daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.
	Information access is becoming increasingly dependent on online access. Currently residents depend upon staff's knowledge or suggestion of places to visit or things to do in the community Purchase of computer, tablet with hard shell case, and printer will assist clients in learning internet access and wifi use for clients who are capable of learning to use of technology. This will enable residents to find other activities in the community they would like to participate in and expand the means of communication with family and friends.
	Federal Requirement #7: Each individual has privacy in his/her sleeping or living unit:
	The facility has shared rooms and no private bedroom for clients who want to have their own bedroom. Bedrooms and bathrooms currently have no lock so residents who want to lock the bedroom are not able to do so. Lack of a private space for some residents makes personal alone time difficult and prevents a feeling of inclusion.
	We would like to build an additional bedroom to provide an option for privacy to visit with friends and family. All bedrooms and bathrooms doors will have lockable door that residents can use if they want.
	Federal Requirement #8: Individuals have the freedom and support to control their own schedules and activities, and have access to food at any time.
	The home is unable to accommodate all consumers, both ambulatory and non-ambulatory with their community activities because the home only has a regular van. The van seats eight but cannot accommodate a client who uses a wheelchair. The client uses paratransit which has limited routing and inflexible timing. Over time, two residents are also having increasing difficulty entering and exiting the van due to the van's height and client's mobility issues.

	A wheelchair accessible van will meet the requirement and not only provide safety and accessibility for other clients with mobility issue but also allow for more opportunities than paratransit.
	It will also support clients who wish to go to different places at the same time by having more than one vehicle to be used by both ambulatory and non-ambulatory clients.
	Federal Requirement #10: The setting is physically accessible to the individual.
	One bathroom has a tub and is not easily accessible to clients with physical disability. They are usually redirected to the other bathroom which is wheelchair accessible and has an easy walk-in shower. For some residents this is an annoyance when they wish to use the bathroom closest to their room by themselves and when they are in a hurry and don't want to wait.
	One bathroom needs to be remodeled by removing the bath tub and replace it with a walk-in shower type bathroom. Bathroom modification includes walk-in shower with seats, fixtures, and grab bars.
	Replace washer to front-loading washing machine to facilitate chores for residents who wish to do laundry especially those who use a wheelchair.
	Remodel deck for easy access and allow residents privacy if so desired. Since we will be using the living room for an additional bedroom the den is the only gathering area for clients. The deck is an added space to entertain friends and family privately. It is also where they can exercise and eat.
Estimated budget; identify all major costs and benchmarks — attachments are	Computer and tablet with hard case and printer - \$2,000Additional bedroom and locks-\$6,000Wheelchair accessible van-\$45,000Bathroom remodeling-\$12,000Front-loading washer-\$1,200
acceptable	Deck remodeling - \$25,000
Requested funding for 2017-18	\$91,200
Estimated timeline for the project	March 2018 - Receive funding May 2018 - Start modifications/changes December 2018 - Project completion; HCSB compliance