

# System & Fiscal Reform Workgroup Update

## June 23, 2020

### **Purpose/Overview:**

The Department of Developmental Service's (DDS) consultation with a broad and balanced group of stakeholders to discuss system and fiscal reforms to better serve consumers with developmental disabilities was formalized via Chapter 28, Statutes of 2019, adding Welfare and Institutions Code section 4519.4. The purpose of the System and Fiscal Reform Workgroup is to provide input to the department on issues consumers face and provide recommendations for a sustainable, consumer-focused, innovative, cost-effective, and outcomes-based developmental services delivery system.

**Meeting date(s):** January 15, 2020; April 7, 2020; June 11, 2020

### **Discussion items:**

- Budget Overviews & Updates
- Rate Study Comments & Updated Rate Models
- Overview of Outcomes and Measures
- Recommendations to reform the financing and streamline our service delivery system (alternative payment models)
- DDS Reorganization
- Enhanced Performance Incentive Program
- COVID-19 Data
- "Re-Entry/Reimagining" Services
  - Framework
- Phases
- Key Priorities
- Issues identified during the COVID-19 public health crisis and related recession?
- Future discussions regarding continued COVID-19 response and the potential need to identify cost savings or containment measures:
  - Short-term strategies/recommendations
  - Long-term strategies/recommendations

### **Recommendations/Input on Priorities:**

- Providers need to develop plans for safely serving individuals in the "COVID-19 space"
  - National, State and local guidelines; CCL & DDS to coordinate where possible
- Give meaningful choice to the people we support; prioritize family members
  - Not all visitors are equal
  - Approach to redesigning service should be person-centered, flexible/responsive, transparent
- The Department should continue to share guidance and information on rates and payments as soon as possible
  - Planning for the future is nearly impossible without understanding how rate structures will change
  - Transition funding will help providers reinvent services
  - The state can't continue to pay for services not delivered
- Lots of support for expansion of self-directed services that occurred
  - Would like to see these expansions and other flexibilities continue into the future
- Consider not resuming site-based services until there's a vaccine
- Access to mental health services needs to be accelerated
  - Responsive, safe and thoughtful