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## Joint Advisory Committee Meeting

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## **Today's Topics**

- Legislative Update on DISCOs
- Integration of Primary Health Care and Long Term Care Services
- Timelines for RFA and DISCO Development
- Independent Advocacy
- Network Adequacy



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## **INDEPENDENT ADVOCACY DOH's Ombudsman Program**

- The deadline for the Request for Applications (RFA) issued by DOH to provide Ombudsman services for beneficiaries of MLTC, FIDA, LTSS and MMC plans passed on April 11, 2014.
- DISCOs (the DD population) were not included in the scope of DOH's RFA.
- Does it make sense to try to coordinate with DOH's current plan for advocacy programs to include the individuals we serve?



## **INDEPENDENT ADVOCACY**

### **What Options Does OPWDD Have?**

- Language in the 2014-15 budget bill requires an independent ombudsman program be made available to persons with disabilities enrolling in DISCOs.
- Does it make sense to try to coordinate with DOH's current plan for advocacy programs to include the individuals we serve?
- Should we initiate our own RFA process in order to select our own advocacy entity to provide ombudsman services to the individuals in our system?



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## **INDEPENDENT ADVOCACY**

### **More Questions To Consider**

- What are the unique aspects about the individuals we serve which need to be considered in developing our independent advocacy program whichever option we choose?
- What are the timeframes and obstacles to implementing such a program?