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HCBS Settings Transition Stakeholder Advisory Group Day Services Transition Subgroup Charge as of 2/2/15

Purpose and Charge:

The purpose of the Day services subgroup is to make written programmatic recommendations for changes/clarifications/enhancements to OPWDD's Day Habilitation Program model(s) that integrates the guidance and concepts of CMS's HCBS settings regulations and the non-residential settings guidance. The work group will also make recommendations related to Prevocational Services. Work group members will be expected to seek broad input from their various constituencies. See below for key questions to consider and the requested deliverables.

Key Questions to Consider and Integrate into the Written Recommendations for Day Habilitation:

1. In light of CMS regulations and the non-residential settings guidance, what are the key issues and challenges for compliance with existing Day Habilitation Program models, particularly site based Day Habilitation, that will need to be addressed?
2. What needs to happen programmatically to ensure that Day Habilitation services/settings:
 - Are responsive to the goals, interests and needs of individuals; and the setting provides opportunities for regular meaningful non-work activities in integrated community settings for the period of time desired by the individual;
 - The physical environment supports a variety of individual goals and needs (for example, the setting provides indoor and outdoor gathering spaces; the setting provides for larger group activities as well as solitary activities; the setting provides for stimulating as well as calming activities;
 - The setting affords opportunities for individuals to choose with whom to do activities in the setting or outside the setting;
 - Activities are meaningful to the people supported;
 - People have access to food at any time;

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- The setting allows individuals the freedom to move about inside and outside of the setting as opposed to one restricted room or area within the setting. For example, individuals receive HCBS in an area of the setting that is fully integrated with individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS.
- 3. What are the characteristics/criteria for Day Habilitation without walls vs. site based Day Habilitation? Should Community based Day Habilitation be the default option for all enrollees? How much time should be spent in the community vs. a HUB location? Under what circumstances should site based Day Habilitation be authorized for an individual?
- 4. How can Day Hab providers serve as facilitators to the community instead of substitutes for community? E.g., How can providers use Day Habilitation facilities to achieve community integration while supporting individuals who utilize the service?

Timeline and Deliverables:

1. Written recommendations describing the scope, practice, criteria and qualities of Community Based Day Habilitation services including eligibility criteria (parameters for when and under what circumstances the service would be furnished; types of activities that comprise the services; parameters that apply to or affect the delivery of the service; opportunities for self-direction; performance indicators and outcome measures expected from the service.
2. Coordinated with the recommendations in number 1 above, written recommendations related to the provision of site based Day Habilitation if the group recommends the continuation of the service beyond October 2018.
3. Recommendations related to Prevocational Services.