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# Access and Choice

## Final Design Team Meeting

August 29, 2011



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# Meeting Objectives

- To receive an update on the 8/24 Steering Committee Meeting
- To discuss public forum comments in our design team area to attempt to address in our recommendations (if we haven't already done so)
- To review and approve final design team recommendations as outlined in the draft report and attached materials.





# Agenda

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| <b>1. Welcome and Background: Jerry Huber</b>                         | <b>10:00-10:30</b> |
| Review and Approve Summary of August 16 <sup>th</sup> meeting         |                    |
| Overview of August 24 <sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting        |                    |
| <b>2. Review/Discuss/Approve Design Team Recommendations Report</b>   | <b>10:30-12:30</b> |
| <b>3. LUNCH</b>   | <b>12:30-1:00</b>  |
| <b>4. Review Public Forum Comments in Relation to Recommendations</b> | <b>1:00-2:30</b>   |
| <b>5. Wrap Up and Next Steps</b>                                      | <b>2:30-3:00</b>   |

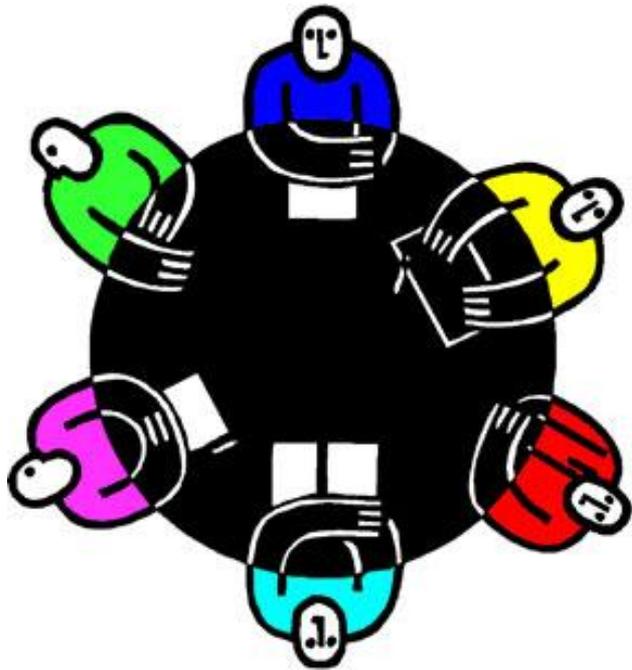


# Steering Committee Updates

## DESIGN TEAM REPORTS

### **Access and Choice**

No Wrong Door, Cross-Systems Integration, Informed Choice Across a Continuum of Care, Single Entry Point Web Model, Standardized Universal Assessment Tool



### **Fiscal Sustainability**

DDISCO (not-for-profit , risk-bearing, care management entity)



# Steering Committee Updates

## Services and Benefits

Self-Direction, Employment, DC Transition, broadly defined service categories that allow money to morph instead of putting individuals into boxes, emphasis on people living as independently as possible for as long as possible

## Care Coordination

Comprehensive care coordination

## Quality

Quality Matrix



# Access & Choice Design Team Recommendations

Options and considerations for  
“No Wrong Door”

Factors and considerations—  
Valid and Equitable Needs  
Assessment

Essentials for individual choice in  
a care management  
environment



**“No Wrong Door” = individuals understand available options, make informed choices and gain supports/services that best meet their needs no matter where they begin the process**

## CURRENT

- Silos
- Multiple agencies, websites, locations, etc.
- Multiple application and assessment processes for same basic information



### Possible Interim OPWDD Measures:

- two-way web based portal with care mgmt./coordination and provider linkages
- comprehensive info tech development/platform

## FUTURE

- State-wide cross-systems infrastructure
- Universal assessment/application tools
- “Early touch”



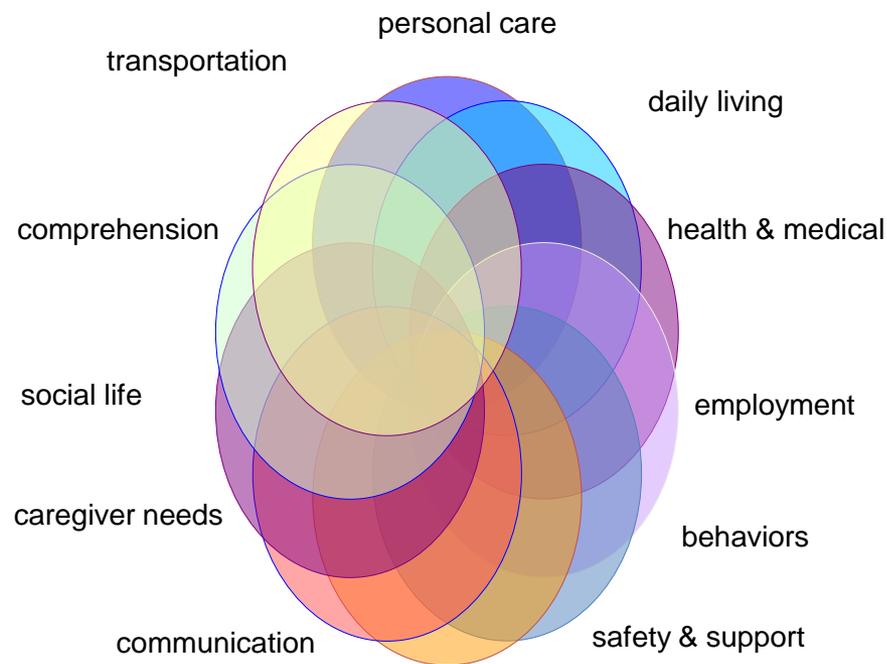
# Needs Assessment

## Individual's Perspective

- Person-centered and strengths-based
- Flexibility, predictability, and no “automatic pilot”
- Results in holistic and comprehensive person-centered care plan

## Systems Perspective

- Clarity of purpose/transparency
- Independent/Unbiased
- Neutral Dispute Resolution
- Quals/Consistent Training
- Reassessment – “No Wrong Door”
- Quality Review/Oversight





# Assessment Tools Technical Subgroup Review

## Nationally Recognized Tools used by various states

- Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP) (many states are transitioning from the ICAP to the SIS)
- Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) (adopted by 22 states and overseas)

## “Home Grown” Assessment Tools

- Connecticut Level of Need (LON)
- Wisconsin Functional Screen
- Florida Situational Questionnaire

## Health Risk Screening Tool

- Web-based screening instrument that detects health destabilization early in vulnerable populations. Most important outcome—guide in the provision of health care support and surveillance. Used to determine the types of further assessment and evaluation required by the person to be healthy and safe in a less restrictive setting
- Screens for health risks that affect the body and ability to engage in functional activities
- Examines health risks associated with psychiatric or behavioral disorders, particularly those that result from medications, self-injurious behavior or restriction of movement



# Assessment Tools Review—Lessons Learned

- There does not appear to be one perfect instrument for our purposes—all states struggling with needs assessment—could pilot national/canned instrument
- Transition must be properly planned and proper steps taken to select among best alternatives
- To ensure credibility, basic principles of reliability, validity should be adhered to for any proposed combination or revision of tools adopted



# Essential Aspects of Individual Choice

- Formal vehicle for person-centered planning—every individual to have a right to a real and viable comprehensive person-centered plan—incentivize
- Informed choice as quality indicator/outcome
- Independent advocacy
- Full self-directed service options
- Flexible funding for individuals to enhance and facilitate choice
- Diverse provider networks and ability to go outside of care network for choice of providers and self-hires



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# Access and Funding: Public Forum Response



## Review Public Forum Worksheet



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# Review of Access and Choice Report to the Steering Committee





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# Missing Links/Transition Issues





# Coordination with the 5.07 Plan Process

- 5.07 plan will be focused entirely on the People First Waiver design
- Plan will incorporate:
  - Public input
  - Briefing book analysis
  - Design team recommendations shaped by Steering Committee discussion

August 24

Preliminary  
Recommendations to the  
Steering Committee

September 7

5<sup>th</sup> Design Team Meetings  
to update  
Recommendations



## 5.07 Plan Timeline

**Mid-  
September**

Forward final recommendations to Steering Committee members

**Mid-  
September**

Continue CMS discussions based on Design Team work

**October 1**

Publish 5.07 plan  
(Per statute published on 10-1)



## 5.07 Plan Publication & Report to Steering Committee

Mid-October

Public hearings

October 31

5.07 plan becomes  
final report to  
Steering Committee

- Unlike most years, we intend to hold public hearing following the plan publication
- This has occurred in the past, and will mean the plan is reissued to reflect public input
- Final 5.07 plan will be the final report of the design teams to the Steering Committee



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# Thank You Everyone!

