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Materials for the MSC Supervisors Video Conference – June 14, 2012

The MSC Supervisors Summer Video Conference is being held on June 14, 2012.

AM Session
9:30 am – 12:00 pm

PM Session
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Topics include:

- MSC Hot Topics
- Consolidated Supports and Services (CSS) Update
- Housing Initiatives
- CHOICES Update
- Employment Initiatives

NOTE: There will be no handouts. The PowerPoint that will be referenced during this video conference is attached to this e-visory.

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MSC Supervisors
Summer Video Conference
June 14, 2012

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AGENDA

- MSC Hot Topics
- Consolidated Supports and Services (CSS)
- Housing Initiatives
- CHOICES Update (MSC Electronic Record)
- Employment Initiatives

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Welcome and MSC Hot Topics
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Consolidated Supports and Services (CSS)

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Creating a Full Continuum of Housing Options

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Background Information

Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) Affordable Housing Workgroup

- Final Recommendations
- Inclusion of OPWDD
- OPWDD's Recommendations:
 - Expand the OPWDD/Martin Dunn supportive housing project model
 - Assist OPWDD with re-engineering its existing certified housing to create more independent housing
 - Assist OPWDD to redevelop some of its existing state land into affordable/supportive housing
 - Assist OPWDD to help people with developmental disabilities to remain in the least restrictive environment by providing funds for repairs and renovations.

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Background Information (cont.)
MRT Affordable Housing Sub-Group
(OPWDD Considered for Investment in \$75 million MRT Funds)

Proposed Projects:

- Statewide non-certified apartment rental project
- OPWDD/ODTA Partnership/Changing old Victorian Homes into affordable & accessible studios and apartments
- Nursing Home Project
- 1115 People First Waiver Project

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How Do You Create a Continuum of Housing Options?
Current Actions:

- Host statewide housing forums.
- Conduct state and national research on innovative, affordable, non-certified housing options.
- Learn about innovative housing models developed by voluntary agencies, families, other groups.

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Action Steps:

- Strengthen existing network of public/private partnerships:
 - State of New Mortgage Agency (SONYMA)
 - M&T Bank
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA Rural Development)
 - Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA)
- Seek new public/private partnerships (e.g., Supportive Housing industry and across all housing systems.

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Action Steps:

- Assist individuals with transitioning from certified to non-certified housing options through:
 - **Outreach:**
 - Public Forums
 - Faith-based Organizations
 - Community-based organizations
 - Cultural groups and organizations
 - Other(s)

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Action Steps:

- **Education:**
 - Community Living
 - Accessing supports and services
 - Owning versus renting
 - Managing your money
 - Avoiding scams
 - Becoming financially literate

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Action Steps:

- Continue to work with MRT Supportive Housing sub-group.
- Expand supportive housing units statewide.
- Advocate with developers who receive Tax Credits to ensure “set-aside” of supportive housing units.

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Action Steps: Family Care

- Expand and enhance Family Care as we move into the waiver
- Host a statewide Family Care Advisory Council meeting
- Review existing policies, practices and regulations.
- Meet with existing Family Care Providers.
- Learn about challenges, barriers and opportunities.
- Create new and innovative outreach and marketing strategies.

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Action Steps: Family Care

- Expand existing Family Care Program statewide.
- Develop an innovative strategy to recruit new Family Care Providers.
- Market success stories state-and-nationwide.

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Action Steps:

Strengthen OPWDD’s HUD-Approved Housing Counseling program statewide.

- Pre-purchase/Home buying
- Non-Delinquency Post Purchase
- Resolving or Preventing Mortgage Delinquency or Default
- Locating, Securing, or Maintaining Residence in Rental Housing: NYHousingSearch.gov; Zillow.Com; Craigslist.org; Realtor.com

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Action Steps:

Saving for your 1st home and changing your financial behavior

- Assets for Independence (AFI) Matched Savings Program
- Partnership between OPWDD and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Down Payment and Closing Costs Assistance
- Match Rate is 1:8
- Available in 62 counties

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INNOVATION
DIRECTION FOR THE FUTURE

- Partnering with NYS Developers who receive Low Income Tax Credits
 - Dunn Development Corporation and The Center for Family Support Services
 - Liberty Apartments – 7 Units
 - Friendly Apartments – 7 Units
 - Martin Luther King Apartments – 9 Units
 - (Combination of certified and non-certified apartments)

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Innovation
Direction for the Future

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CHOICES

Electronic Case Record System

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CHOICES DDSO Usage

Agency	DDP1	DDP2	DDP3	MSL1	MSL2	MSL3	ISP	LEAD-UP	TOTAL
001 SUMMIT COUNTY	41	156	52			30	7	856	1127
027 LONG ISLAND DDSO	1	30							31
029 BROOME DDSO	1	267	34				7	1	424
030 BROOKLYN DDSO	1	47						18	118
031 CAPITAL DISTRICT DDSO	10	872	51	2	1	3	14	16	1063
033 CENTRAL NEW YORK DDSO	1	2427	62						2512
037 HUDSON VALLEY DDSO	10	8						41	72
039 FINGER LAKES DDSO	1	5							9
044 WESTERN NY DDSO	116	804			52				1081
050 WESTNY DDSO	3						43	16	82
071 TACONIC DDSO	2	83	1				10	230	506
095 WESTERN ISLAND DDSO	14	11					1	12	143

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CHOICES Agency Usage

Agency	DDP1	DDP2	DDP3	MSL1	MSL2	MSL3	ISP	LEAD-UP	TOTAL
Total	11871	26199	2047	553	201	502	4602	1905	48019
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERV. INC.	1351	171	58	501	2	81			3774
BOHLEN INC.	1418	1441	236	158	8	183		1	3655
PROGRESS PERSONNEL CO. INC.	1306	167	28	11		11	123	5	1529
COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES INC.	138	135	121	20	1				1297
CENTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES	144	413	42		1	10	219	18	1287
NYC OF THE NORTHERN COUNTRY	107	267	99	18	11	36	111	112	1157
BUREAU OF WESTERN NEW YORK	199	423	44	29	18	13		1	1124
COMMUNITY SERVICES INC.	141	801	13	4	2	16		2	1567
IMP SERVICES, INC.	216	17	13			10	241	210	991
PCAD - ADULTS & CHILDREN IN LEARNING	166	123	1				237		987
WESTAR CENTERS	220	147	40	12	9	36	1	2	950
2ND FLOOR INC.	181	160		4	1	2			681
COMMUNITY POWER AND PERFORMANCE INC.	181	127	9			8	146	121	792
CHORUS	9	176	5						292
COMMUNITY CO. SERVICES, INC.	251	161	2	1		11	104	117	734
THE NEW YORK STATE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		160							160
STATE OF NEW YORK INC.	217	141	23		2				581
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	187	101	24	12		16		5	630
COMMUNITY LIVING & ADVOCACY SUPPORT, INC.	44	87	22			7	232	102	533


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Employment and Meaningful Community Activities

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Focus of Today's Discussion

1. Why we need for focus on employment and meaningful community activities.
2. OPWDD employment goals.
3. How this connects to OPWDD's vision for the future (more person-centered).

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Why Focus on Employment and Meaningful Community Activities?

OPWDD's Vision

- Enjoy meaningful relationships with friends, family and others in their lives,
- Experience personal health and growth,
- Live in the home of their choice, and
- **Fully participate in their communities.**

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Olmstead

- 1999 Supreme Court Decision
- Least Restrictive Setting
- U. S. Department of Justice Guidance
- Oregon- yes Olmstead applies to employment

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Meaningful Community Activities from an Olmstead Perspective

- Support an individual in achieving their maximum level of independence (work is not the ultimate goal, it is a means to an end).
- Support an individual in developing the skills necessary to interact with (and be actively engaged in) their community.

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What Is Employment First?



National Movement to increase employment opportunities for people with developmental Disabilities- **making employment the first option.**

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OPWDD's Employment First Goal

How do we support and encourage employment opportunities for 9,000 additional individuals?

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Successful Employment Outcomes

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The Future of Employment and Meaningful Community Activities

Person-Centered Outcomes

- Pre-employment Focus
- Assessment
- Discovery
- Job Readiness

Programmatic Changes

- **Ending program and funding silos and thinking broader**
- Supporting activities on the continuum to employment (maximum level of independence)/opportunities for more integrated settings

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What does this all mean for you and the MSCs you supervise?

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Mark your Calendar!
 September 12 and December 12
 9:30-12:30 and 1:00-4:00
 (3 hour sessions)

MSC Supervisors Video Conferences are held quarterly (March, June, September, December) – special sessions as necessary. Additional information will be announced via the MSC E-Visory. Registration is through the OPWDD Training Catalog.

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Thank You!

Please provide your feedback on this session.

An evaluation form was provided with the video conference materials.

We are especially interested in your ideas for upcoming session topics.

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**Evaluation Form:
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Please check a rating for each statement:

The session objectives were clearly explained.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

The session effectively met its stated objective.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

The session materials helped me to understand the subject matter.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

The session content increased my understanding of the subject matter.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

The subject matter will be useful to me in my job.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

The presenter was knowledgeable about the subject matter.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

The presentation style contributed positively to the program.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

The length of the session was appropriate.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

What were the positive points of this presentation?

What improvements could be made to this presentation?

Recommendations for future topics:

Name (optional) _____

Title _____

Location _____

Thank you for your feedback!

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