



Community First Services and Supports
Development and Implementation Council

March 8th, 2023

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions DHS
- Welcome and Introductions new council members
- Welcome and introductions existing council members
- Update on CFSS progress with Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS)
- Update on pending CFSS operations
- Review training recommendations from council members
- Review 2023 meeting schedule

DHS Disability Services Division

home care and self-directed services team

- Mary Lenertz, home and community-based services manager
- Home care and self-directed services team:
 - Jeanine Wilson, supervisor
 - Diane Benjamin, policy lead
 - Cindy Grebin, CDCS policy
 - C.J. Calton, training/communications lead
 - Meredith Peck, policy
 - Maisie Blaine, CFSS policy lead
 - Rebecca Fee, policy

Disability Services Division and Aging and Adult Services partners

- Libby Rossett-Brown, HCBS Aging and Adult Services policy
- Sarah Schultz, DSD compliance policy lead
- Samantha Hicks, DSD compliance policy

Welcome new members

People receiving services or family members:

- Emily Britz
- Lynn Garrick
- KiloMarie J. Granda
- Michele M. Kyler
- Alma Silver
- Clyde D. Swenson
- Michelle Vrieze
- Gregory Wisher

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- Personal care assistance (PCA) provider agency representatives:
 - Abdiwadi Husen (4 yr appt) and Rochelle Wodarz (1 yr appt)
- Managed care organization (MCO) representative:
 - Kim Worrall (1 yr appt)
- Financial management services (FMS) representative: Dan Tomhave
- County assessor/ case manager representative: Gia-hue Schendel
- Advocate: Parichay Rudina

Existing members

People receiving services or family members:

- Kellie Schmidt
- Kelsey Kostohryz
- Xong Vang
- Dena Belisle
- Marie Olson

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- Managed care organization representative: Vacant
- Individualized education program (IEP)/school representative: Julie Neururer
- Financial management services representative: Vacant
- County assessor/ case manager representative: Darin McClain
- Advocate: Justin Page

Membership openings

- We will need to fill an unexpectedly vacated seat for an FMS representative
 - Interested parties can apply [Office of the Secretary of State, CFSS Implementation Council FMS position](#)
- We are still looking for one more managed care organization member
 - Interested parties can apply [Office of the Secretary of State, CFSS Implementation Council MCO position](#)
- We will post for 2024 vacancies in the fall of 2023

Overall updates

- Weekly meetings with Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to receive technical assistance on our state plan amendments since October
- We cannot determine an official launch date CMS approval
- We have committed to giving a 90-day notice prior to launch (see [Update on CFSS timeline announcement](#))
- CFSS will start on the first of a month
- Individuals will transition from PCA to CFSS as their annual assessments are completed

Training, resources and policy development

- CFSS Policy team continue to develop training for multiple audiences
- Updates to FMS contracts to comply with CFSS requirements
- Resource development continues with updating of CFSS website, Community Based Services Manual (CBSM) manual pages, forms, Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) and other resources as needed
- Policy development continues and may be modified with input from CMS

Items to note

- Public posting of the new manual pages is required 30 days prior to finalizing the pages.
- Certain policy and training items are outstanding as we await approval from CMS so not all content is complete for review
- Once we get CMS approval it will take time to implement and potentially adjust manual pages for changes that may be required by CMS
- We hope to post manual pages as soon as possible for public comment

Available Training

These training videos provide general information for people who use CFSS, their families and other interested parties:

- [What is community first services and supports?](#)
- [Consultation services](#)
- [Agency and budget models](#)
- [New potential workers](#)
- [Goods, services and PERS](#)
- [Worker training and development](#)
- [Transition from CSG](#)

CFSS providers and lead agency staff will have specific training requirements that DHS will communicate when they are available.

Development and Implementation Council schedule

2023 meetings

- 1:30 p.m., March 8th [Register for the meeting here](#)
- 1:30 p.m., June 14th [Register for the meeting here](#)
- 1:30 p.m., Sept. 13th [Register for the meeting here](#)
- 1:30 p.m., Dec. 13th [Register for the meeting here](#)

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Questions

