

# Health and Human Services Commission



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## Promoting Independence Initiative Update:

- **SB 367 Interagency Task Force on Appropriate Care Settings for Persons with Disabilities** continues to meet regularly with stakeholder and agency representation. The task force continues to monitor the agencies progress related to those recommendations housed in the state's Promoting Independence Plan.
- **SB 367 Interagency Task Force** continues with an improved format to include public comment at the beginning of each meeting.
- **SB 367 Interagency Task Force** has appointed a workgroup to address housing issues. Workgroup is developing process to proceed with distribution of 35 statewide HUD housing vouchers for individuals in the Olmstead population.

## Legislation

### **SB 367**

- DHS is currently in the process of developing the pilots required in the bill. A relocation specialist RFP has gone out and is being evaluated to provide a contract for the initiation of the identification and assessment activities outlined in the process contained in the PI Plan.
- DHS/MHMR/DPRS MOU is in draft form and should be finalized before required deadline.
- MHMR has established an MH Promoting Independence Advisory Committee to develop strategies for the population of individuals who have been hospitalized 3 times within 180 days.
- HHSC revision of rule 351.15 to include notification of at least one member of the individual's family and the individual regarding community based alternatives should be adopted in February, 2002.
- Agencies are revising related rules accordingly.
- HHSC will submit revised PI Plan by December 1, 2002 as required.

### **HB966**

- HHSC has preliminary data and draft report developed. Agencies will finalize quantification information in February. Stakeholder input will be solicited in the spring of 2002. Report will be submitted on target with September 1, 2002 deadline.

### **Rider 37**

- 221 individuals have accessed community services through the provisions of this rider.

### **Rider 16**

- HHSC will receive information from HHSC rates staff and MHMR Medicaid staff and will have a draft report study by March 2002. Stakeholder involvement will be solicited before final report is completed.

### **SB 368**

- HHSC has developed a comprehensive computer based system to allow for the monitoring of placements of children in institutions every six months. This data will also allow for trend analysis, problem identification, etc. This was developed with stakeholder input.
- HHSC will fill two positions to provide training to DHS Surveyors and Providers of services related to permanency planning.
- Currently HHSC is working with MHMR for rule development related to volunteer advocate appointment.
- HHSC is working with MHMR regarding the bifurcating of a reimbursement system to enhance permanency-planning efforts.
- HHSC is moving forward with the development of an alternative family based options model. An RFP will be released in February.
- HHSC has distributed Uniform Procedures for Permanency Planning.

### **SB36**

- HHSC is convening a meeting in February with TDH, DHS, MHMR and additionally ECI to review existing materials and data in order to develop a baseline from which to formulate a comprehensive and standardized training across agencies for case managers and case workers.

## **Waiver Expansion Information:**

**MHMR:** Of the 724 new slots allocated in FY'02 and FY'03, 75 slots are current enrollments for individuals residing in state schools, with an additional 32 slots allocated or reserved for individuals within state schools who are in the process of enrollment; 6 slots set aside for community ICF/MR's have been enrolled with 4 in the process of enrollment, and 79 community HCS waiting slots have been enrolled with 100 community HCS waiting slots pending enrollment.

**DHS:** Of the 29,250 slots allocated for FY'02 and FY'03, in the CBA Waiver, 25,800 slots are currently filled, with the remaining 3,450 slots reserved for

individuals on the waiting list and in the process of enrollment or pre-enrollment status.

**MDCP:** Of the 1071 slots allocated for FY'02 and FY'03, currently 936 slots have been filled. Leaving 135 slots available for individuals on the waiting list or in pre-enrollment status, or in the process of enrollment.

**CLASS:** Of the 1884 slots allocated in FY'02 and FY'03, currently 1288 slots have been filled, leaving 596 slots available for individuals on the waiting list or in pre-enrollment status, or in the process of enrollment.

**DEAF BLIND WAIVER:** Of the 145 slots allocated in FY'02 and FY'03, currently 109 Slots are filled leaving 36 slots available for individuals on the waiting list or in pre-enrollment status, or in the process of enrollment.