



Money Follows the Person Demonstration Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes

<b>Purpose or Goal: MFP Demonstration Advisory Committee (DAC) Mtg.</b>	<b>Location: BHB 1410</b>
<b>Meeting Date: July 11, 2008</b>	<b>Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM</b>

MFP Demonstration Advisory Committee Members		
Carole Smith – Present	Rose Dunaway - Present	Jean Freeman - Present
Doni Van Ryswyk - Absent	Bob Kafka – Absent	Ann Denton – Absent
Chris Kyker - Absent	Colleen Horton - Absent	Dennis Borel – Absent
James Meadours – Absent	Mike Bright – Absent	Robin Peyson – Absent
Ron Cranston – Absent	Sandy Klein – Absent	Susanne Elrod - Absent
<i>Steve Ashman, MFPD Project Dir.</i>	<i>Crystal Baker, DADS Staff</i>	

Attendees		
Brenda Hull, TDHCA	Audrey Deckinga, HHSC	Judy Sinclair, DFPS
Catherine Gore, Workforce Comm	Ivy Goldstein	Donna Honkomp, DADS
John Sampson, COIL	DJ Johnson, HHSC	Dena Stoner, DSHS
Ric Zimmerman, DADS	Alicia Essary, DADS	Elizabeth Jones, DADS
Haley Watkins, Advocacy, Inc.	Aaron Michaels, DADS	Susan Murphree, Advocacy, Inc.
Barry Muth, COIL	Terri Richards, DADS	Judy Telge

Agenda Items	Key Information and Outcome/Conclusion
Welcome and Introductions	Steve Ashman welcomed those in attendance and via scan call. Everyone introduced themselves. Steve indicated that MFPDAC members Van Ryswyk and Kafka informed him that they could not attend the meeting.
Review Minutes of Last Meeting (1-11-08)	Those present reviewed the minutes with no changes recommended.
MFPD Enrollments – NF and ICF/MR <i>Steve Ashman</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Began implementation February 1<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>▪ As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 127 people have been enrolled in the MFPD.</li> <li>▪ Preliminary figures indicate a total of almost 180 as of 6-30-08.</li> </ul>
Behavioral Health Pilot <i>Dena Stoner</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adding inpatient (pre-transition) Substance Abuse Treatment and Cognitive Adaptation Training to the pilot.</li> <li>▪ 7 clients are currently receiving services. 4 – substance abuse, 3 – CAT</li> <li>▪ A concern is relocation transition assistance is only available once, at the time of transition and a 90 day post transition period.</li> </ul>
Overnight Companion Services <i>Ric Zimmerman</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Information Letters 08-58 and 08-91 provide the background information for the pilot.</li> <li>▪ Rate analysis approved \$44.17/night. The increased reimbursement rate (from \$30/night) means that the pilot will be offered to 20 people per year (down from 25).</li> <li>▪ Implementation began July 1<sup>st</sup>. Eleven providers have enrolled with DADS to offer the service.</li> <li>▪ This service does not affect a person’s eligibility for other programs and does not count towards the cost cap of their individual service plan.</li> </ul>
ICF/MR Voluntary Closure <i>Steve Ashman</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ May 7<sup>th</sup>, DADS began accepting applications for voluntarily closures. An applicant must submit a plan with the assumption that 75% of their residents would select HCS waiver services. The remaining 25% of the units may be converted into small ICF/MRs (6 beds or less).</li> <li>▪ However, as in all cases, residents will have the freedom of choice for selection of residential setting and service provider.</li> <li>▪ DADS is currently receiving applications.</li> </ul>

<p>Housing <i>Brenda Hull</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project Access Program (Section 8 vouchers administered by TDHCA). Thirty five statewide vouchers have been approved by TDHCA for institutional transitions. These vouchers are recyclable; if a local Public Housing Authority absorbs the voucher, the TDHCA voucher becomes available for another person.</li> <li>▪ TDHCA recently approved an additional 15 vouchers making the statewide total of 50 vouchers.</li> <li>▪ Currently, all vouchers are filled with no one on the waiting list.</li> <li>▪ New rules are in place for Tennant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) vouchers which provide rental assistance for up to 24 months. The rules will allow an “at risk” person on TBRA to apply for a Project Access Voucher. “At risk” is defined as someone who is within 90 days of their TBRA voucher expiring.</li> <li>▪ A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) has been issued for Home funds for the development of multi-family housing for people with disabilities.</li> <li>▪ TDHCA received guidance from the HUD Fair Housing Office concerning a priority application period for organizations that will apply for TBRA vouchers for people transitioning out of institutions. TDHCA proposed rules will allow organizations to apply for HOME TBRA funds for people transitioning out of institutions 120 days before to making the funding available to other applicants.</li> </ul>
<p>Benchmarks <i>Steve Ashman</i></p>	<p>As a reminder, below are the benchmarks for the MFP Demonstration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Transition goal is to transition 592 people by the end of this year. We currently have 179 enrollments through 6-30-08.</li> <li>▪ Qualified expenditures. We have the information ready and are waiting for CMS to explain how we should report the information to them.</li> <li>▪ Report the number of people served through the behavioral pilot.</li> <li>▪ Report the annual change in number of licensed ICF/MRs.</li> <li>▪ Housing benchmark of adding an additional 15 vouchers for this year has been met.</li> <li>▪ Housing Registry benchmark - Texas Low Income Housing Service is working with TDHCA, TSAHC, BRB, HUD, USDA, and other housing entities to creating a housing database. The database should be operational in January.</li> <li>▪ Housing benchmark of visiting with the ten largest public housing authorities (and a total of 25 by the end of the year).</li> </ul>
<p>Quality of Life Survey <i>Steve Ashman</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DADS and NACES Foundation Plus, Inc. are close to having a contract signed for conducting the three surveys: pre-transition survey, 11th, and 24<sup>th</sup> month.</li> <li>▪ The contractor has agreed to conduct a small survey to people that become re-institutionalized.</li> <li>▪ The contractor has also agreed to allow DSHS to add up to ten questions specific to the BH pilot.</li> </ul>
<p>Outreach Activities <i>Steve Ashman</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CMS will be using calendar year for reporting. Our report is due around the first week in September.</li> <li>▪ Steve has met with the following local housing authorities: Dallas, Fort Worth, McKinley, Tarrant, Grand Prairie, Arlington, Denton, Belton, Killeen, Austin, and San Antonio.</li> <li>▪ MFPD presentations have been given to the following groups groups: National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, Private Providers Association of Texas, Community Transition Team meetings, Southwest Society of Service Coordinators of San Antonio, SILC meetings, and Texas Association of Interagencies on Aging.</li> </ul>



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Review of MFPD Reports	Steve Ashman gave an overview of each report. He explained that these reports are generated by the DADS CARE system and will be replaced in a few months with similar reports generated through the QAI Datamart. The QAI Datamart will allow greater flexibility in generating reports.
Quarterly Activities (January to present, 2008)	Included in above discussions.

Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ John Sampson requested that handouts be provided prior to the meeting. Steve stated that he will attach the handouts to the email announcing the MFPDAC meeting.</li> <li>▪ Dena Stoner is concerned that the male ratio of those enrolled is twice as much as the females; that is not normal. Steve speculates the information is skewed due to the small amount of data collected.</li> <li>▪ John Sampson asks if the data represents information about people when they leave a nursing home or when they sign up for the demonstration. Steve explained that the data is based upon the most recent plan of care on the last day of the month (they are enrolled in the MFPD and on a waiver).</li> <li>▪ Ric Zimmerman asked if people can start the process of relocating before they have been in the nursing home for six months. Steve indicated that relocation contractors, service coordinators, case managers, discharge planners, etc. can and should begin the process of transition people as early as possible. However, no transitions should be delayed to meet the MFPD eligibility if a person can transition under the Texas MFP program or Promoting Independence Initiative.</li> <li>▪ Susan Murphree asked if the Fort Worth voucher can be utilized by people transitioning from ICFs/MR. Steve indicated that over 75% of people transitioning from an ICF/MR move to HCS residential and that the vouchers are for nursing facility transitions. Steve also noted that the Fort Worth Housing Authority also set-aside 10 public housing units for the MFPD.</li> <li>▪ Judy Telge asked if the Project Access voucher is allowed to assist people leaving state hospitals. Brenda explained that HUD's definition of an institution is nursing facilities, ICFs/MR, and board and care homes, all of which must be licensed by a State. Steve noted that only the first two are allowable in Texas as the state does not license board and care homes.</li> <li>▪ John Sampson and Judy Telge asked if teleconferencing would be available at the PIAC meeting as well. Steve will pass the information to Marc Gold.</li> <li>▪ Terri Richards indicated that DADS has the ability to hold the meeting through webinar. A webinar would not show faces, but the participants would be able to see the documents being discussed.</li> </ul>
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Action Items	Assigned To
Notify Marc Gold of the request to teleconference the PIAC meeting. (Completed)	Steve Ashman
Look into the possibility of offering a webinar to correspond with the MFPDAC meetings.	Steve Ashman

Next Meeting Date:	October 10, 2008, 2:00-4:00pm Brown-Heatley Building, Room 1410		
Below are the meeting dates through 2010. All meetings will be from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Brown-Heatley Bldg, Room 1410.			
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
	Oct 10	January 9 April 10 July 10 October 9	January 15 April 9 July 9