

Department of Health Services Update

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Managed Care:

- The transition from Northern Bridges to Community Care of Central Wisconsin (CCCW) went smoothly and all contacts regarding Family Care services in those counties should be directed to CCCW. The current map for Family Care, Partnership, and PACE can be found on the following website: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lcicare/generalinfo/gsrmap.pdf>
- DHS will be submitting our Family Care waiver renewal to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for January 2015. The final rule from CMS for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) was presented to the states in January 2014 and additional clarification will occur in March 2014. Refer to the following website for additional information that will require Wisconsin to create a transition plan to meet these expectations. <http://www.cms.gov/Newsroom/MediaReleaseDatabase/Fact-Sheets/2014-Fact-sheets-items/2014-01-10-2.html>

IRIS:

- The IRIS program currently has about 9,800 participants statewide and is still experiencing strong growth of about 150 new participants each month. The population is currently about 45% PD, 41% DD, and 14% FE.
- To better meet the demands of the increasing population, the Department has secured funding for the development of an IRIS specific data system with an intended implementation date of 1/1/2015. Among other things, this system will allow participants to log into a web portal to view their IRIS plan in real-time. The system will include a detailed employment assessment and tracking tool as well as tools and resources to help participants meet their desired employment outcomes.
- IRIS is continuing to develop the infrastructure needed to support the addition of multiple IRIS Consultant Agencies (ICAs) and multiple Fiscal / Employer Agents (F/EAs) throughout the state.
- The DHS-IRIS employment lead has been meeting monthly with the TMG-ICA and the Department's Employment Initiatives section to develop strategies to improve employment outcomes in IRIS. This includes the development of transparent employment policies and work instructions as well as tools and resources to help individuals self-direct employment services.
- The DHS-IRIS employment lead and a representative from the TMG-ICA continue to attend the Employment First quarterly meetings as well as the DHS Integrated Employment Workgroup meeting that include representatives from MCO's.
- The DHS-IRIS employment lead is Chris Sell who can be reached at Christopher.sell@wi.gov or 608.267.7718. All employment related questions involving IRIS should be sent to Chris.

Aging and Disability Resource Centers:

- ADRC's are now statewide – there are 41 Center's that cover all counties in WI. See the map at http://www.wsti.org/wstidata/resources/adrcmapw-pop_1376423788.pdf
- 29 Assistive Technology Kits will be given to the remaining ADRC's that have not yet received kits. Along with the AT kits training will be done to teach the ADRC how to use the kits most effectively as well as what the different AT can be used for. These trainings will occur in March and April around the state. Those ADRC's that already have kits will have the opportunity to

attend the trainings for staff that didn't have the training in the past. There is also a webcast of the AT Kit training available

<http://dhsmedia.wi.gov/main/Play/d681321c70bf4ad0ba5182fd39fc20651d>.

Employment Initiatives Section (formerly Office of Independence and Employment):

- The Across the Lifespan Assistive Technology - Bringing the Best Together Conference for 2014 will be Nov. 13-14th in Wisconsin Dells. Please see the website for more information.
<http://www.atacrosslifefspan.org/>
- **Project SEARCH** is planning to expand in 2014. An RFA will be released soon. The RFA will be posted on the DHS website at <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/rfp/> Project SEACH is currently located at seven Wisconsin businesses: William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital and University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Wauwatosa, Ministry St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton, Waukesha Memorial Hospital in Waukesha, and in the Wal-Mart Distribution Center #6025 in Menomonie.
- Janet Estervig will be the representative from the Employment Initiatives Team as a member on the Academic and Career Planning (ACP) Advisory Council to assure that students with disabilities will be part of the career planning process that will occur in all school districts of Wisconsin by 2017.