SSB 5672 Report
Back to Stakeholders

Department of Social & Health Services
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
Developmental Disabilities Administration
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We are going to break you into small groups. You will have 10 minutes to please share:

• Your name
• Your agency or affiliation
• One thing that you have learned about yourself during this pandemic or a positive you have found
Our Goals for Today

✓ Provide an overview of the work conducted as part of 5672

✓ Review the recommendations provided to DSHS leadership

✓ Share actions taken related to the recommendations

✓ Share how recommendations may be used to shape future policy
The 2019 Legislature Direction

Final language from SSB 5672:

**Related to DDA:** “...the developmental disabilities administration within the department shall work with stakeholders to design and implement services for individuals living in adult family homes who have a primary need of care related to a developmental or intellectual disability.”
The 2019 Legislature Direction

Final language from SSB 5672:

**Related to HCS:** “...the aging and long-term support administration within the department shall work with stakeholders to design and implement proposed services for individuals living in adult family homes that are dedicated solely to the care of individuals with dementia, including Alzheimer's disease.”
How We Reached Out

DSHS created 2 ways for clients, families, AFH providers, and other stakeholders to provide input across the state:

1. In-Person Events
2. Client & Family Surveys
HCS - What We Heard

Feedback fell into these categories:

- Family and Resident Support
- Provider Training and Support
- Safety and Accessibility
- Activities and Community
Family and Resident Support

- Access to Memory Café
- Dementia awareness events
- Expand access to assistive technology
- Increase access to transportation
- Brochures of Services/Activities
- Make nutritionist and music therapy more available
- Hold dementia classes and other family supports
Provider Training and Support

• Advanced dementia training
• Professional consultation dementia care and behavioral support
• On-call Geropsych dementia consult
• Specialized dementia case managers
• Allow more days off for care provider
• Have AFH be provider of skills acquisition services
Safety and Accessibility

- Solutions for individuals who wander
- PERS unit with fall detection
- 24 Hour awake staff
- Solutions for Sundowning
- Expand # of AFHs, especially in regions with fewest
- Have unannounced visits from APS, day/night
- Focus waiver funds on those with higher support needs
- More respite
- Increase rates
Activities and Community

• Increase staff for more activities and Community Integration
• Create safe and accessible outdoor space for AFH’s
• Make Adult Day Service more available
• Expand Meaningful Day
• Increase transportation access and decrease burden to providers
DDA - What We Heard

Feedback fell into these categories:

- Assessment
- Environment
- Regulations
- Provision of Care
- Training
Assessment

• Ensure Nurse delegated tasks are in rate structure
• Make assessment tool more comprehensive
• Make support intensity scale (SIS) related to rates or level
• Include behaviors in assessment process
• Focus on needs not what’s available
• Different rates for DD (not same as older adults)
• More person-centered
• Make housing plan part of assessment
• Explore options for affordable housing like housing trust fund
• Support home modification for AFH
• Create housing plan
• Create start-up funds for AFHs
• Subsidize home modifications
• Reduce need to share rooms
Regulations

- Improve data collection
- Work with legislature to plan for AFHs with DD
- Decrease minimum 1000 hrs experience and or substitute education
- Create expedited pre-approval for AFH’s in good standing
- Improve access to affordable insurance
- Separate AFH caregiver’s and a facility licenses
Provision of Care

- Conduct risk assessment when placement failing
- Add Adult Day Health to Waiver
- Expand or improve access to behavioral health services
- Have automatic enrollment in Meaningful Day
- Expand community integration based on need
- Expand or improve access to transportation or medical transport
- Expand service capacity for DDA services
- Utilize internships
- Decrease caseload size
Training

- Expand training content
- Improve access to training
- Improve access to CM resources
- Improve healthcare provider training
- Simplify training process and requirements
How Ideas Were Prioritized

- Utilization of cross functional teams including DSHS subject matter experts, provider representatives, ombudsmen, representation from related councils (AFHC, DDC)
- DDA- Weighted decision making
- HCS- Lean P.I.C.K. tool (Possible, Implement, Challenging, Keep for later weighing impact versus difficulty)
Due to Covid19, tax revenues left a $4.6 billion dollar hole in the budget
What’s Been Done

- Separation of Meaningful Day contracts between DDA and ALTSA so they may be tailored to meet the unique needs of the aging and DD populations.

- Justification for protecting Meaningful Day Activities and Community Integration during budget cuts.
Meaningful Day - HCS

Number of Clients Authorized for Meaningful Day

LTC

Meaningful Day - DDA

DDA Clients Enrolled on AFH MD
Moving Ahead Together

• Your voice matters
• Your wisdom and ideas are documented and will serve as guidance moving ahead though we know some of these may not be feasible
• Your partnership in service is deeply appreciated
• We look forward to the future, together
Your Feedback

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Questions

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Thank You!