



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project: Community First Choice (CFC) Council Meeting Notes

August 3, 2022 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

1. **Attendees - HCPF CFC Team:** Adam Tucker, Betty Vanderkaay, Eileen Saunders, Jordon Larson, Katie McGuire, Kristine Dos Santos, Lana Eggers and Madeline Quartaro

Attendees Represented: 29

- Persons over the age of 65, persons with a disability, or their representative: 8
- Provider: 7
- *Unknown: 14

**Unknown - this section includes individuals that were on the call but did not identify which group they represent. Since they did not self-identify, we cannot assume which group they represent.*

2. CFC Council Highlights

1) CFC and Case Managers

- a) Stakeholder asked “If a client and a case manager are working together and client would like to have services in certain setting, who makes decision of when appropriate? Case Managers may be hesitant about making that decision.”
 - i) Department Response: A case manager would typically be responsible for identifying goals, barriers to those goals, and then decide what services are best for the client.

2) CFC Service Questions

- a) Stakeholders had multiple questions as they relate to CFC services which included:
 - i) “What level of self-direction will be available with CFC?”
 - (1) Department Response: Currently we are planning to have in-home support services (IHSS) move over for the first round of CFC in addition to the traditional agency model. Our ultimate goal is to also move CDASS over into CFC, but for this first round are planning to move IHSS for self-direction.
 - ii) “I hear from y'all that access to CFC is supposed to be easier than waiver enrollment. In the other person's example, though, that person would need to be on a waiver for the specialized habilitation and receiving CFC for Personal Care. Is braiding funding a topic for a future meeting?”
 - (1) Department Response: Yes, the biggest change from a case management standpoint is that braiding may be more frequent. More than likely if you're not on waiver already, you might start receiving CFC services sooner than the rest of the



waiver services because the process for waivers takes longer. If someone needs services sooner this will enable a way to make that happen. Additionally, we intend to bring these kinds of things up in future meetings.

- iii) “Does this [Final Settings Rule] effect for example if someone within the CDASS program, if they’re doing the transition and going home and need occupation therapy and physical therapy, yet they need all their own personal care, as it [current policy] stands now they can’t have both. Will this help so that they can have both?”
 (1) Department Response: If someone is needing acute homecare, not long-term home care, it is allowable under CDASS. What isn’t allowable is long-term home health (LTHH) or private duty nursing when using CDASS. CDASS users can utilize acute home care services. Additionally, at this time these program rules should stay the same with CDASS remaining under waivers, so those program rules likely won’t change.
- iv) “Transition services will be allowed in all settings since transitioning from an institution you have to be in one, and since transition services are supposed to be a part of CFC, correct? Make sure that is defined and make sure that CMs understands that is an allowable service.”
 (1) Department Response: Eligibility and access to transition services should be quicker because they are not having to go through the full enrollment process. The coordination should start as they discharge from facility and that is when those services would be accessible to a person. With CFC that should be able to happen more diligently and faster, and under CFC will be able to be provided in the same places.

3) CFC and Program Approved Service Agencies (PASA)

- a) “Will CFC services be available in PASAs?”
 i) CFC services will likely be available to provide CFC services. Anyone on supportive living services (SLS) waiver or currently using PASA’s will likely be moved under CFC.

4) Settings Feedback

- a) “The rates for services offered in restricted settings will also need to be reviewed for their bundling. I hear often from Residential providers that the day rates are not high enough to truly cover all the services that are bundled, especially with regard to respite.”
 b) “On that note, Adam, I want to offer a point of concern around 'best intentions' for participant direction. I've received feedback from folks in services who have had to stop their solo trips to coffeeshops, because the settings rule determined they were not "actually" in the community, as a result of wanting to sit alone at the shop. Likewise, with some people not actually wanting locks on their doors.”
 i) Department Response: Thank you for this feedback. We will review and bring that to the appropriate person, as we from CFC standpoint will not touch bundled rates.

5) Settings Questions

- a) “Currently children in Foster Care can qualify for Medicaid waivers such as CES where they can receive services like homemaker in addition to their foster care stipends. Will these families be losing services if CFC cannot be utilized in foster care settings?”



- i) Department Response: We would not expect that to change or impact that at all. We will want to dig into that scenario and make sure that is the case. A lot of the Setting Rule work has been done, so we are basically picking up what has already been done and moving it over to CFC.
- b) “Please clarify what the PowerPoint meant by this line: “Both CFC and the Settings Rule provide opportunities to... Control personal resources”. Does this reference representative payeeship? Or some other model of resource management?”
 - i) Department Response: This has nothing to do with payeeship as that is dictated by Social Security Administration, so that is referring to the provision of services. This is more talking about “do I have access to food, schedule”, and those types of provisions or opportunities to control those types of services. CFC can help under the proposed service delivery model enable people to work more closely with attendants they know and train and allow more autonomy with their schedule. This also gives individuals the ability to set their schedules up and have more flexibility when they have other priorities.

3. Agenda Items

Meeting started on time and Eileen Saunders welcome everyone and presented our mission statement, meeting agenda, announced to use the google attendance form, meeting etiquette & ground rules, and provided call in information for those who called in for meeting attendance.

- Adam Tucker presented PowerPoint page 7 to 13
- CFC and Settings
 - The Home and Community-Based Final Settings Rule
 - The Rule Includes Two Provisions
 - Setting Criteria
 - CFC & the Settings Rule
 - Settings for CFC
 - Restricted Settings for CFC
- Jam Board Discussion and Open Forum on Services/Settings for CFC
 - Questions from attendees and chat room were answered and recorded
- Adam announced the first Listening Sessions will be held on 8/10/2022 where a place we can answer questions or concerns and Volunteer Opportunity
- Eileen provided a link of HCBS settings final rule in the chat
- Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.



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