

Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Open Forum Meeting - 2018 Operating Plan
November 13, 2017
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GEORGIANE LANCE-HOSBACK:

Q. Will Adult Services be phased out by 2024?

A. Mr. Bluebond stated that Adult Services will be phased out, but there will be other providers for Medicaid Services. He also stated that he would like to have providers use the building, if possible, and if it is permitted by the state. Mr. Bluebond stated that county boards exist to see that services are provided.

Q. How will you differentiate between those who can or cannot work in the community?

A. Ms. Finnerty stated that the teams will work with each individual based on their needs, wants, and what is available.

Q. When will the housing survey be available?

A. Mr. Bluebond stated that Joe Khadige, SSA Manager, is putting this together along with a committee and that it is only in the beginning stages.

A. Ms. Wilbraham stated that we will continue to work with Metro Housing and Medina Creative Housing. In addition, SSAs will be surveyed to help determine housing needs.

WAYNE CARROLL:

Q. Mr. Carroll asked if Mr. Bluebond had received any other questions/comments from outside the agency?

A. Mr. Bluebond stated that he had not.

SUZANNE BARNES:

Q. How was the last open forum meeting that was held during the day?

A. Mr. Bluebond stated that there were good questions asked and quality of services of private providers was discussed. He stated that we want to be able to support quality services; Ms. Finnerty is working on that. Mr. Bluebond also stated that we have a broader plan than two surrounding counties; however, each county's plan needs to be what works for them and

may not be similar to ours. Mr. Bluebond will send links to the Board Members to the two plans to which he was referring.

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Comment:

- We speak about Summit County's plan being different, but they have a different need than Medina County.
 - Mr. Bluebond stated that when he meets with Summit County again, he is going to ask why they focus on Adult Services in their plan. The state is allowing each county board to customize/develop their own strategic plan and format.

DIANE DEPASQUALE-HAGERTY:

Comment:

- Ms. DePasquale-Hagerty stated that she doesn't see training for the providers in the plan. She stated that the Board has the expertise to provide such trainings and she would encourage adding this to the Plan.
- In regard to the need for respite, more housing is needed in order to provide respite services.
 - Ms. Wilbraham agrees that the two go hand in hand. There will be two separate committees working on housing issues that include respite.
- In regard to increasing capacity for waiver-funded day providers - how is that addressed with the steps (located on page 20)? She is unclear what this means.
 - Ms. Finnerty stated that increasing provider capacity is part of the state mandate and once a provider identifies a need, the Board will begin to assist with that need, when possible.
 - Mr. Bluebond stated that the Board would like to decrease the numbers in Adult Services by 70 in 2018. The first step is the Call for Solutions and then to analyze the response we get. What happens in 2019 and 2020 – can we take the same approach? We are not sure. Ms. DePasquale-Hagerty stated that she didn't see the Call for Solutions in the Plan.
 - Ms. Majoros stated that the terms can overlap. The Call for Proposal means the same thing and is addressed in another area of the Plan.
 - Ms. DePasquale-Hagerty asked if the 10% decrease for transportation and other services is part of the total 30%, being broken down over three years. Mr. Bluebond stated that it is.

PATTY MANNING:

- Ms. Manning stated that she is happy that the stakeholders and parents/guardians are included in the process.
- Ms. Finnerty stated that the Board wants to work towards the best practice standards for service provision.

Mr. Bluebond stated that any additional comments/questions can be submitted in writing to the Superintendent.

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