

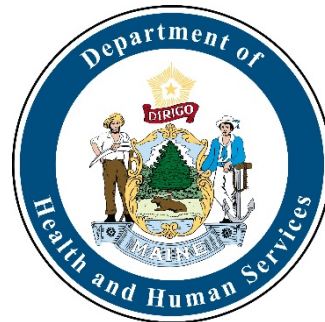
Developmental Disabilities Update

Maine Department of Health and Human Services

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Coalition for Housing and Quality Services

Portland



Overview

- Near-term Priorities
- Self-Advocacy Request for Proposals (RFP)
- Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

Near-Term Priorities

- Renewal of Section 21 (Intellectual Disabilities/Autism Waiver)
- CMS Settings Rule Transition Plan
- Crisis System
- Licensing of 1- and 2-bed homes
- Developmental Disabilities System Review

Self-Advocacy Request For Proposals (RFP)

- DHHS expects to release an RFP for self-advocacy this summer, for services that would begin in early 2020
- The goal of the RFP is to stimulate new and creative ideas for strengthening self-advocacy in Maine
- DHHS is seeking a self-advocacy network that aligns with national best practices and continues the civil rights movement in Maine for individuals with disabilities
- DHHS views strong self-advocacy as a critical piece of a person-centered system

2019 Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

Developmental Disabilities Advisory Group

- Provide feedback on near-term priorities
- 12-15 advocates, families, legislators providers, DHHS
- 3 meetings by October
- Reviews data from listening sessions
- DHHS report by November
- Workgroups as needed

Listening Sessions

- Statewide public meetings to gather broader input from the public
- Proposed jointly with Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board
- Summer/fall
- Locations TBD

Self-Advocate Input

- Peer Mentorships
- Person-Centered Training
- Employment
- Informed Choice
- National Core Indicators Experience Survey

The Department will also continue attending Coalition meetings.

Discussion

- Are there additional near-term priorities the Department should consider?
- What parts of the system should we pay special attention to as our consultant conducts her review?
- What are some ideas for getting people to attend the listening sessions?