

Hello – as a follow-up to the Community 2.0 plan we shared with you, we have drafted the attached reform grid which lays out specific areas that OADS Developmental Services plans to focus on during this biennium, as well as our goals for the future. This grid was presented to the DHHS Legislative Committee last week in reference to LD 1984. Our plan is to launch four work groups in May or June and we invite you to nominate yourself or representatives from your organization to join a work group that is of particular interest to you. The work groups will be comprised of up to 15 members and we will seek cross representation from advocacy, self-advocacy, provider and family/parent groups as well as some OADS staff. For time commitment we plan for these work groups to continue for at least a year, and with meetings every other month for approximately two hours with some work to be completed in between the meetings. We will provide space in our office in Augusta, as well as zoom access for anyone who is unable to make the work group meetings in person. Each work group will be co-chaired by two OADS staff members.

For nominations please include the following information by **Tuesday, March 31st**:

Name, affiliation, work group name that you wish to be nominated for (**Community Membership, Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Improvement (QI), Innovation, or Communication** along with contact information including a phone number and e-mail address and send to [OADS@Maine.gov](mailto:OADS@Maine.gov). Please put the wording “*Nomination – DS Reform Work Group*” in the subject line of the e-mail. If you have questions about this process, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

Thank you for your continued support as we move forward with this important reform work.

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