

Draft Work Plan
Governor’s Committee for People with Disabilities June 2015

The Governor’s Committee for People with Disabilities:

- Advises the Governor and state agencies on problems faced by people with disabilities,
- Reviews legislation and advises the Governor about legislation affecting people with disabilities,
- Suggests to the Governor and state agencies ways to enhance the effective operations of publicly and privately administered or supported programs serving people with disabilities,
- Promotes the goal of self-sufficiency for people with disabilities,
- Promotes the collection, dissemination and incorporation of adequate information about persons with disabilities into public planning at all levels of government,
- Promotes public awareness of needs and abilities of people with disabilities, and
- Encourages the effective involvement of people with disabilities in government.

Strategic goal	Activities	Timeline	Coordinator
Improve employment outcomes for people with disabilities.	<p>Create an ad hoc workgroup to conduct research, identify enhancements and propose changes to the Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) by Governor Walker that will allow qualified individuals with disabilities to work to their fullest potential and save for the future, while maintaining access to necessary healthcare.</p> <p>Prepare written analysis and propose changes to Department of Health Services that support and enhance Assembly Bill 904 proposed by Representative Andre Jacque:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institute a minimum \$25 premium for all participants who are under 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL), and a \$50 minimum premium for everyone over 150% FPL based on premium calculations. 	<p>September 30, 2013</p> <p>August 31, 2014</p>	Sandy Popp

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat earned and unearned income the same in regards to eligibility and premium calculations. • Determine eligibility on the basis of the individual participant's income and assets. • Recognize in-kind work as a form of self-employment, formalize reporting of the number of hours worked and the value of those hours, require reporting annually, and require the Department of Health Services to prepare an annual report summarizing at a minimum the hours worked and earnings generated from employment. • For participants with adjusted income above 250% FPL, deduct all medical, remedial and long term care expenses from income to determine eligibility. • Give participants the ability to contribute to their independence/retirement accounts without risking the loss of eligibility in other Medicaid programs once they can no longer work or they retire. <p>Work with Representative Jacque to reintroduce legislation.</p>	June 30, 2015	
Long-Term Support and Health	<p>Work with the Governor/Lieutenant Governor/Legislature/DHS to provide funding to implement Family Care and IRIS statewide for community long-term support services by June 30, 2015/2017.</p> <p>Work with DHS/Governor/Lieutenant Governor/Legislature to implement a self-directed option that includes and maintains all the principals, policies and values that currently are a part of IRIS program</p>	<p>June 30, 2017</p> <p>June 30, 2015/2017</p>	

	<p>Work with DHS/Governor/Lieutenant Governor/Legislature to support the current model of administration of ADRC's by allowing control of local organizations which understand the needs of their constituencies. People need to know that they are going to receive access to comprehensive information and assistance on securing services that they will require to remain in their own homes, from people they know and trust</p> <p>Work with DHS/Governor/Lieutenant Governor/Legislature to maintain the current level of legislative oversight of long-term care programs and services.</p> <p>Work on future planning by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, legislature, Department of Health Services (DHS), Officer of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) or other state agencies for changes, refinements, and or opportunities to increase cost effectiveness of the long-term support programs and services that people with disabilities and elderly require to include in any planning process at a minimum; representatives of the statutory Boards/Councils/Committees representing people with disabilities, advocates representing people with disabilities and the elderly, providers, MCOs, ICAs, ADRCs.</p> <p>Request representation to the Long term Care Council by June 30, 2015</p> <p>Work with DHS/Governor/Lieutenant Governor/Legislature to ensure work incentives are available in the Family Care and IRIS Programs by requesting that the legislature require the Department of Health Services change the financial eligibility for the Family Care and IRIS programs to be</p>	<p>June 2015/2017</p> <p>June 2015/2017</p> <p>2020</p>	
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	<p>consistent with the current financial eligibility criteria of the Community Option Program no later than when Family Care and IRIS become available statewide.</p> <p>Work with DHS/Governor/Lieutenant Governor//Legislature to support a budget amendment or bill that will require the Medicaid buy-in to treat earned income and unearned income the same and provide an individualized threshold that is consistent with the individualized threshold available through 1916 (b), strengthen work verification by requiring monthly reporting of hours worked and the value of those hours worked, and require a minimum premium of \$25 for those under 100% of poverty and \$50 for those over 150% of poverty.</p> <p>Work with DHS/Governor/Lieutenant Governor/Legislature to eliminate Southern and Central Centers and relocate residents to the community with adequate services and supports. There currently are 231 people living in CWC and 138 in SWC.</p> <p>Work with DHS/Governor/Lieutenant Governor/Legislature to ensure that reimbursement rates are adequate to support people who want to move out of institutions and ensure that DHS provides funding to allow contracting for staff (ILC's, DRW, other long-term support providers) for nursing facility relocation purposes, especially for people with complex needs.</p> <p>Work with DHS/Governor/Lieutenant Governor/Legislature to ensure the needs of people with disabilities are addressed and met if Family care converts to an insurance based system. (placeholder not correct wording)</p>		
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Employment	<p>Work with Representative Andre Jacque to introduce legislation to increase the work incentives available through the Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP), Wisconsin's Medicaid buy-in as an amendment to the 2015-17 biennial budget or as a separate bill.</p>	July 2015	Employment Committee Chair
	<p>Work with DHS/Governor/Lieutenant Governor/Legislature to provide the Department of Health services (DHS) an annual allocation in their budget and statutory authority to establish regional training and technical assistance center providers of alternative models of supported employment (IPS, Customized Employment, VFPS) and contract with at least 5 regional providers for the purpose of providing annual training, technical assistance and monitoring for quality assurance for the establishment of a statewide network of providers. The statewide and/or regional training and technical assistance funding will guarantee that the following will be accomplished and maintained on an annual basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding is available on an annual basis to identify, train, and provide technical assistance to support maintain and develop additional alternative forms of supported employment (customized employment, IPS, VFPS) service providers who understand and expect model fidelity. ○ Annually review all contracted customized 	June 30, 2015	Employment Committee Chair Employment

	<p>employment/IPS/VFPS service providers to ensure that they are achieving model fidelity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DVR WDAs, MCOs and IRIS will have access to ongoing training and technical assistance to ensure that supervisors, DVR counselors, case assistance, MCO IDT staff, IRIS consultants and any other staff are able to comply with adopted technical specifications or criteria, process, fees and provider information materials identifying customized employment/IPS/VFPS as Alternate Supported Employment Models for people with disabilities. ○ DVR, MCOs and IRIS continues to provide data to support the adopted technical specifications or criteria, process, fees and provider information materials identifying customized employment/IPS/VFPS as an Alternate Supported Employment Model for people with disabilities. <p>✓ The GCPD will work with DHS/Governor/Lieutenant Governor/Legislature to provide funding in the biennial budget to allow DVR to replace federal funding for the Vocational Rehabilitation program that may be needed to serve adults who may need to be placed on waiting lists due to the new Workforce Innovation Opportunities Act requirement that DVR must spend at least 15% of its budget to serve youth in transition (14 to 24).</p> <p>✓ The GCPD will work with DHS/Governor/Lieutenant Governor/Legislature to require that DVR set targets to increase the use of alternative models of supported employment (e.g. Customized Employment, Vocational</p>		Committee Chair
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	Futures Planning and Supports and Individual Placement and Supports).		
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