

**Access Standards:**

The Access Standards are included in the FY 2010 MDCH site visit protocols and reviewers will be conducting interviews of consumers who had recent contact with Access systems.

TSG Director will be meeting with site reviewers in the coming months to review results of site reviews conducted using these standards.

**Waiting List/Needs Assessment**

The TSG Waiting List Guideline is available on the MACMHB website along with Q & A from a presentation at the Fall Conference:  
<http://www.macmhb.org/TSG/TSGHomePage.html>

The TSG Board approved and formally transmitted the Waiting List guideline to MDCH in October 2009 for expedited review and comment, with the goal of issuing a technical advisory during January 2010.

The Needs Assessment phase of this workgroup under the chairmanship of Dave Schneider has met twice and is in the process of developing its work plan.

**Casemanagement/Supports Coordination Core Competencies**

The TSG Executive Committee has approved a project plan to identify core competencies (skills, abilities, knowledge) required for individuals in the role of casemanagers/supports coordinator, independent facilitator, or support broker to effectively support individuals in the community.

MDCH staff Nora Barkey and TSG Director Laura Vredevelde will jointly lead this project using an advisory group for ongoing feedback.

**Enhanced Data Submission**

The workgroup has developed draft guidelines for submitting client-specific, timely data to DCH related to critical incidents. The document, approved by the TSG Board for submission to MDCH, includes types of incidents, definitions, reportable populations, and timelines for potential reporting.

A technical workgroup has developed file submission formats, technical schemas, data parameters and definitions.

TSG, CIO Forum, and MDCH staff are currently investigating options for developing, housing, and managing such a data warehouse

**Active Engagement**

TSG Director is facilitating a subgroup of the DD Practice Improvement Team in developing system expectations and a best practice guideline for active, meaningful engagement in the community for all persons served, with an initial emphasis on the vulnerable adult DD population.

This group is charged with developing draft policy/technical assistance language re: expectations and best practices for the DD system in supporting people in "Getting a Life". Members of the group will be presenting at the February MACMHB conference.