

**Access Standards:**

The Access Standards are included in the FY 2010 MDCH site visit protocols and reviewers are conducting interviews of consumers who had recent contact with Access systems. TSG Director will be meeting with site reviewers in May to review results of site reviews conducted thus far using these standards.

**Waiting List Guidelines**

The TSG Board approved and formally transmitted the Waiting List guideline to MDCH in October 2009 for expedited review and comment. MDCH issued this guideline on April 15<sup>th</sup> as a draft technical advisory for 30 day public review and comment.

**Needs Assessment**

The Needs Assessment workgroup is currently meeting under the chairmanship of David Schneider. This workgroup has clarified its workgroup charge and vision/values, has developed a detailed work plan and is currently in the information gathering & analysis phase to determine core elements and requirements for community needs assessment.

**Casemanagement/Supports Coordination Core Competencies**

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

The goal of this effort is 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.

Draft competencies have been developed and are currently under review by a variety of stakeholders

**Enhanced Data Submission**

The workgroup has developed draft guidelines for submitting client-specific, timely data to DCH related to critical incidents. The document 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. A subgroup of CIO forum members is currently developing the data warehouse for statewide use.

**Active Engagement**

TSG Director is facilitating a subgroup of the DD Practice Improvement Team in developing a Draft vision statement and definitions of active meaningful engagement and community inclusion for adults with developmental disabilities. The full DD PIT group will be reviewing and discussing the draft document this month

**Administrative Efficiencies**

TSG Director is meeting informally with various providers who contract with multiple CMHSP's or PIHP's to hear their suggestions for areas for focused efforts toward administrative efficiencies and consistency. TSG Director will also be participating on the MDCH Quality Council workgroup looking at the site review processes and other reporting and monitoring efficiencies.

**Direct Support Staff Development**

TSG Director is participating in early planning efforts with a PIHP, MDCH, and PHI towards a pilot project and solicitation of grant funding from DELEG for identification of core competencies, curriculum development, and training for Direct Support Staff.