Mill Levy Advisory Council
Waitlist Background

Discovery goals
Investigating the following questions based on available data and resources:

- How many in need of housing resources?
- Current status of above (i.e., currently housed with family, currently housed but need different housing, homeless, soon to be homeless)
- What is HCPF’s mechanism for tracking information on people for the waitlist?
- How might the waiver redesign impact the future status of the waitlist?
- What do we know about people that are waiting for the DD-waiver?
- What services are they seeking that are not being met through current access to resources?

Data rundown
RMHS 2018 waitlist data presented to City Council SAFEHOUSE Committee April 2019

- 257 individuals served through CES/SLS waivers and receiving some kind of support on DD-waitlist
- +12 individuals waiting for the DD-waiver that are not enrolled in other services
- RMHS waitlist coordinator provided services to 38 individuals (32% which were not receiving other services or the 12 mentioned above); connected these individuals with mill levy funded programs

From the DHS Legislative update provided by Lauren Harvey at 05/09 meeting
Budget Actions (via Department of Health Care Policy & Financing and the Joint Budget Committee):
Since FY 2013-14, HCPF has requested sufficient funding to eliminate the waitlist for the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Supported Living Services (SLS) and Children’s Extensive Services (CES) waivers. A waitlist continues to exist for the Adult Comprehensive Services (DD) waiver, though each year additional enrollments are funded to provide resources for emergency placements, individuals transitioning from the Children’s Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) or CES waivers, or for Colorado Choice Transition clients transitioning from an institutional setting. As of January 30, 2019, the DD waiver waitlist is 3,059 people. For the upcoming FY 2019-20 (starts July 1, 2019), the Joint Budget Committee approved funding for HCPF to enroll 549 more individuals from the DD waiver waitlist.

HB 18-1407
https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb18-1407
Access To Disability Services And Stable Workforce: Concerning increasing access to services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities that are provided by a stable workforce, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

Medicaid - home- and community-based services - increased compensation for certain direct support professionals - reduction in developmental disabilities waiting list - appropriation. The act requires the department of health care policy and financing (department) to seek federal approval for a 6.5% increase in the reimbursement rate for certain services specified in the act that are delivered through

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the home- and community-based services intellectual and developmental disabilities, supported living services, and children's extensive supports waivers.

From HCPF Staff Figure Setting, Joint Budget Committee FY 2019-20

- Of the 300 enrollments authorized pursuant to H.B. 18-1407, 235 individuals were enrolled over the course of 7 months, 66 individuals declined enrollment onto the waiver. The Department is waiting for a response from 9 individuals. **When an individual declines, enrollment is offered to next person on the list, however, declinations extend the time it takes to fill all open enrollments.** The full fiscal impact of H.B. 18-1407 is based on the full cost per FPE for 12 months of services, however, an individual may not be enrolled for the entire fiscal year. This results in a need for less funding per FPE in the enrollment year, but requires a commitment of full funding for each FPE in subsequent years.
- The cost per FPE has increased, primarily as a result of the targeted direct support professional rate increases required by H.B. 18-1407, however, utilization of the most expensive services is growing.
- In FY 2013-14, the General Assembly appropriated the funding necessary to eliminate the enrollment waitlist for support living services (SLS) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Appropriations have continued to keep pace with enrollment needs in this program.
- The primary difference between SLS services and comprehensive waiver services is residential habilitation – it is included in the list of services available through the comprehensive waiver, but not included through the SLS waiver. · Children’s Extensive Services (increase of $7.1 million total funds, including $3.5 million General Fund)
- In FY 2012-13, the General Assembly appropriated the funding necessary to eliminate the enrollment waitlist for children’s extensive services (CES) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Children’s Habilitation Residential Program (decrease of $0.6 million total funds, including $0.3 million General Fund) – H.B. 18-1328 moved the program from DHS to the Department and expanded eligibility to include children without child welfare involvement. Enrollments for the expanded population will be released upon approval of the waiver amendment by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

HCPF Resources

HCPF Waiting Lists and Enrollment:
https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/IDD-Services-enrollments-waitlists

The Department, pursuant to Section 25.5-10-207.5(4)(a), C.R.S (2015), must: "develop, in consultation with intellectual and developmental disability system stakeholders, a comprehensive strategic plan...to enroll eligible persons...with intellectual and developmental disabilities into home and community-based services programs, and programs pursuant to this Article at the time those persons choose to enroll...or need the services or supports."

Purpose

This page exists to provide and exchange information with clients, stakeholders, providers, legislators, and policymakers about the Department's efforts to ensure that all eligible individuals receive the services they need at the time they're needed, within the constraints of the state's limited financial

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resources. When funding limits the availability of services, waiting lists are established for individuals seeking services.

Visit the page to see the strategic plan originating Nov 2014, along with annual updates submitted to date, information about current enrollments, waiting list totals, funding, and ways to get involved with the strategic planning process. Check back as this site continues to evolve. The mill levy dedicated to serving people with IDD in the Denver community was approved in 2003 by nearly 70% of Denver voters, and then further defined in a 2017 ordinance.

*Strategic plan updates are released in November. The strategic plan update for November 1, 2018 can be found on the Waitlists and Enrollment page under Strategic Plans & Statutorily Required Reports to the General Assembly. The next update is due Nov 1, 2019. 
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/HCPF%202018%20IDD%20Strategic%20Plan%20Annual%20Report%20%20November%202018%20FINAL.pdf

• DHS has reached out to HCPF’s Waitlist contact to connect about questions raised by the Council.

Adult Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Waiver Redesign Stakeholder Engagement: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/DIDD-Redesign

The goals of the Adult IDD Waiver Redesign are to:

• Consolidate the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Developmental Disabilities (DD) and Supported Living Services (SLS) waivers into a single HCBS waiver for Adults with IDD.

• Include an array of broad, flexible services and a spectrum of service delivery options that enhance individual choice, autonomy and community engagement.

• Employ Person-Centered Planning and service delivery that provides for health and safety assurances and sound stewardship of public funds.

RMHS- DHS contract

2019 contract, continuing in 2020
Waitlist Coordinator position under RMHS Initiatives program budget.

2018 annual report
Mill levy funds serve more than 800 individuals that would have lost case management and direct services, and would be placed on a waitlist. This program served 1,220 Denver individuals in 2018.

RMHS Executive Director Shari Repinski answered questions from City Council members about the DD-waitlist at their annual report out on April 17, 2019. Visit the Safety, Housing, Education, and Homelessness Committee records page to review the presentation video (waitlist discussion beginning 16:40).

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