

Wasilla Provider Forum: Themes and Issues Raised January 8, 2016

1-Service Providers for Persons with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

Important to have stakeholder involvement and input on the functional assessment tool. (1x)

Concern expressed about the “General Relief population” and the need for more services for this population (60-70% of that population has SMI.) (1x)

2-Service Providers for Seniors

Interest in assuring use of a person-centered assessment tool that primarily serves to determine individual needs, not just right-size services. (2x) Suggestion on ways to make the responses less “black and white” to capture a better understanding of the individual. (1x)

Encouraged that 1915(i) might actually be able to serve some people that fall through the cracks right now who don’t meet nursing facility level of care. (1x)

Adding more people because there are no caps; something will have to give. Concern about this unknown. (1x)

Strong suggestion to discuss transportation offered for day-to-day activities such as grocery store, medical appointments and events that improve the quality of life. (1x)

3-Service Providers for Individuals with Behavioral Health Diagnoses

Need to improve coordination and comprehensiveness of care for people who have a complexity of issues that don’t fit one category, e.g., I/DD and mental health. (1x)

Person-centered assessment -- need to capture better understanding of the individual. For example, you may answer an assessment question “yes” one day, and “no” the next for people with behavioral health issues. (1x) The assessment tools are oftentimes only as good as the person administering the tool; need to be mindful of person-centered training of assessment staff. (1x)

There is enormous energy and capacity in the existing provider network if silos are pulled down and regulatory restrictions changed; we can innovate. (1x)