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Kroh, Karen

From: Mochon, Julie
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 2:49 PM
To: Kroh, Karen
Subject: FW: Proposed New Waiver Rules - Comments

Karen, I'm sending this since Ms. Miller referenced waiver regulations but her comments are all regarding the waiver renewals. I will respond as though these are waiver renewal comments but wanted to send this to you, just in case.

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From: Linda [mailto:mmiller475@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 2:39 PM
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have started reading the the new proposed PA ODP Waiver Regulations and have found them to be confusing and overwhelming, as there are no side by side comparisons to the existing regulations, nor a summary section to provide a guide to make the proposed regulations more understandable. As a family member (parent) of a young man with autism and an intellectual disability I want to know how these changes will impact upon my family and especially impact upon my son. I have signed up for the January 17, 2017 webinar to become more educated about the proposed changes, but that seems to be the final date for comments. Will this date be extended at least a couple of weeks so that their is time to digest the information and then have time to comment?

In starting to read the proposed rules I've come up with a number of questions, which I would be most appreciative if someone could answer. They are the following:

- 1) It appears that the providers of services will require extensive training in order to be certified; how will the state establish the means for these people to be trained or certified in sufficient numbers to serve the needs of all the people on the waiver?
- 2) Who and where is this training going to be provided and what is the cost involved? Who is going to do the mentoring and are there a sufficient number of mentors?
- 3) Regarding the new Community Participation Service it seems that people who provide this service will also be required to have CESP and/or APSE designation. If a Community Participation Support Worker is not working on employment goals with a consumer will he/she still need that designation?
- 4) Are consumers and families going to be able to use a Participation Directed Model for the Community Participation Service and if so will consumers and families be responsible for the costs of training and mentoring?
- 5) My son is in a very small program on a college campus; and students who attend college on the campus currently provide the direct habilitation service (and do an excellent job in my opinion). Will they be required to have CESP and/or APSE designation?

Thank you in advance for providing answers to my questions.

Best regards,

Linda Miller

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