

Speaking Notes  
Thursday, January 6, 2005  
Developmental Disabilities System

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HB DDS Overview  
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1. A number of significant changes are underway in the developmental disabilities services system. These changes impact all stakeholders in the system – consumers, providers, and the department
  - a. Developmental disabilities services are administered by the Disability Services Division of the Department of Public Health and Human Services and include services provided in the community by contracted providers and services provided at the state institution, the Montana Developmental Center in Boulder
  - b. The legislature will consider changes in public policy and budgetary proposals, and may wish to review policy decisions and changes made by the department. For example,
    - i. HB 127 proposes changes to civil commitment provisions and the definition of serious developmental disability
    - ii. Budgetary proposals to move individuals to community services and to reduce the waiting list
    - iii. While the department presents implementation of resource allocation protocol and statewide published rate schedule as budget neutral and no specific budgetary proposals are submitted, underlying these changes are a number of policy decisions
2. Catalyst for change
  - a. Government Accounting Office reviews of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid administration of Medicaid home and community based waiver programs
  - b. Center for Medicare and Medicaid's review of Montana's home and community based waiver services for developmentally disabled individuals that was conducted in 2000
  - c. Litigation including:
    - i. Olmstead decision by U.S. Supreme Court
    - ii. Travis D. class action lawsuit (Montana case)
    - iii. Montana Association for Independent Disability Services (MAIDS) providers' litigation which the court is schedule to hear in August of 2005
3. This morning you will hear:
  - a. A brief history of events leading up to the Montana reimbursement project
  - b. Information related to national trends in developmental disability services including portability, choice, person centered planning
  - c. Overview of the Montana Reimbursement Project including information about the MONA or Montana resource allocation protocol and the proposed published rate structure, both of which will be implemented on a pilot basis for some adult consumers in January, 2005
  - d. The department's perspective
  - e. From a panel of stakeholders regarding their impressions, comments, concerns about the changes underway