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Council on Workforce Investment Medicaid Infrastructure Grant Subcommittee
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Background

Wisconsin has achieved a number of advances in promoting community integration of people with disabilities particularly in domicile choices, and the resource options people need for independence. However, many adults with disabilities do not have a full range of opportunities for employment in work settings that are typical of other adults in their communities: Jobs leading to self sufficiency, or, family-sustaining wages that reflect individual choices and career ambitions. A high quality, continuously improving and comprehensive workforce system in Wisconsin must meet the needs of people with disabilities who choose to work.

At the same time, Wisconsin recognizes that economic health, growth and global competitiveness are dependent on a highly skilled workforce, capable of attracting and sustaining quality industries. Economic growth is dependent on education and training that matches the skill-sets needed to expand existing businesses as well as a pipeline of talent for emerging industries. To those goals, initiatives such as Regional Industry Skills Education, Career Pathways and Medicaid Infrastructure Grant activities merging into the current infrastructures will help create a more sophisticated collaborative workforce system.

People with disabilities, provided with effective supports, must be an integral part of the 21st Century workforce with full access to the broadest range of employment opportunities. This is an essential part of Governor Doyle's "Invest in People" strategy: To maximize people's potential through quality education and training that will, in turn, ensure Wisconsin has a highly skilled workforce that supports job growth and business development.

Purpose

The Council on Workforce Investment Medicaid Infrastructure Grant Subcommittee (CWI-MIG) will advise the Department of Health Services (DHS) on the implementation of the State's Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG). The committee will also monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the Managed Care and Employment Task Force (MCETF).

The mission of MIG is to enhance Wisconsin's employment and training delivery system that:

- maximizes employment for people with disabilities;
- increases the state's labor force through the inclusion of people with disabilities; and
- protects and enhances workers' healthcare, other benefits and needed supports.

The Managed Care and Employment Task Force was charged with identifying an effective infrastructure in the context of Wisconsin's developing managed long term care system that promotes and supports a wide range of employment options, and an individualized approach to supporting each person's identified employment outcome. The Task Force presented to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services a final report containing 84 recommendations that are intended to ensure best practices for supporting and facilitating a broad range of quality employment choices and outcomes for participants in the long term care system. The recommendations are divided into two groups:

- recommendations related to improving the managed long-term care system's infrastructure and broader community collaborations, and
- recommendations related to improving the experiences and outcomes of individual consumers

Activities

The CWI-MIG Subcommittee will:

1. Provide advice, guidance and recommendations for action to the Departments in carrying out the general activities of MIG and the specific activities that address the 84 MCETF recommendations.
2. Monitor and review the implementation of the 84 MCETF recommendations.
3. Be provided with work plans for all MIG projects and advance copies of MIG submissions to the grant funder, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
4. Be provided with reference and project materials and presentations.
5. Meet quarterly.
6. Be supported by staff from the Department of Workforce Development's Division of Employment and Training/ Bureau of Workforce Training and DHS's Division of Long Term Care/ Office of Independence and Employment.