

The group discussed the **targeted services recovery** reimbursement from the ARPA funding. An application must be completed and sent to Rick Smith by September 30, 2023. Only organizations completing the application will be eligible. As of the RCPA meeting held on 09/07/2023, Kristin Ahrens reported that only 91 applications had been received. The payment structure is any organization that exceeded pre-pandemic numbers by 75 – 100% will be given \$2500 per individual, 50 – 75% will be given \$1500 per individual, < 50% will be given \$500 per individual. There is some language that states the person had to maintain or increase the number of units, some unclarity about this.

Updates on **selective contracting** were given. The parameters have changed to obtain preferred provider status; organizations seeking preferred provider status will need to provide 2 of 3 services -- Supported Living, CPS, Life sharing services -- and meet clinically enhanced standards. The timeline was also adjusted. Residential implementation will be January 1, 2025. There is a residential strategic thinking workgroup meeting through September to discuss/finalize some of the performance measures. In October, ODP will distribute a survey to providers to establish baselines. Examples of some of the performance standards mentioned include community integration, participant involvement in advisory and/or boards, social justice/cultural competency, and wellness activities.

SIS 2nd edition will be implemented in January of 2024.

The **Changemakers Project** update -- Denise Cavanaugh will be meeting with them the week of September 11th to plan some type of job fair event with possible panel discussion. The target date for the event is sometime in November.

Karen Jacobsen talked about **Senate Bill 874** which was sent to the Senate on August 16, 2023. It is " An Act providing for Commonwealth support for a Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Staff Member Loan Forgiveness Program and an Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselor Loan Forgiveness Program; and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency." The group thought this might be helpful in boosting staff recruitment.

Karen also mentioned a **survey on salaries** developed by the Center for Healthcare Solutions. It is available to all IDD providers.

Lastly, Gretchen Kelly and Sue Coyle met with Representative Dan Miller about **regulatory reform**. Dan suggested producing three regulations the group would like to see removed or reformed. Sue and general CAP will determine two from the Behavioral Health side, and the IDD committee will produce one. Suggestions included physical requirements, the noncontiguous rule, training, and credentialing requirements. Denise will send a survey to the group to assist in identifying one regulation for potential reform.