

- Summary of Valerie Arkoosh, Secretary DHS review of Governor Shapiro's budget was handed out. Not all areas were covered. (See Attached)
 - We need to be aware that although the budget has increases put into it; that doesn't necessarily mean we will get it.
- Regarding one-time stipends they are because of underspending due to lack of staff. While nice, they aren't always helpful.
- One nice part of the budget is that for waivers, they are shifting to management by budget rather than allocating the money to slots. Allegheny County will get a certain amount of money that they can allocate as determined. The budget is going to be dictated by management not by slots.
- Performance-based Contracting looks like the January 2025 date is going to still be the implement date. Stacey Dowden from Milestone completed her part of the survey for performance-based pay that was sent by RCPA and thought they did a nice job with the survey. The question really is in the areas that people aren't prepared what is the cost of investment? Organizations will need to really look at the benefits versus the cost of implementation.
- Kim Sonafelt mentioned Mainstays concerned about the pay for performance standard for referrals, filling them in 90 days can be problematic. Finding property to get referrals takes time and then being able to close on a home could take 3 – 6 months. The definition of when a referral is made is ambiguous.
- There has been some pushback on the language used for employment. There are questions about the definition of acuity, what is the retirement age, and some other areas not well defined.
- The RFP came out for who is overseeing this process. It will require a lot of reporting criteria. If you don't have the systems to provide the data, it will be difficult.
- Another concern is that It feels like ODP has moved onto the Supports Coordinator piece but hasn't really finished the standards for residential and CPS. Still have standards in draft.
- Access standards from CMS were discussed and it seems like these standards are what we will be held accountable as far as outcomes. The 80/20 rule ID/A is carved out, but trying to keep it out of federal legislation.
- CPS Amended Waiver requirements, they brought back the 25% requirement. Eliminated the variance but added to the provider the need to document quarterly conversations regarding goals. At least 90% of the people supported need to be participating in the community at least 25% of the time. Must be a goal in a quality management plan to address how this is going to be accomplished.
 - As providers we need to make sure we are documenting that we are providing services that people want. Discussion on the best way to provide that given documentation is "loosely" defined.
- ID/A Supportive Housing Pilot
 - Not sure who the pilot counties are as this will be important to know. It would allow people who don't need 24/7 care to live on their own. They would receive up to \$900 in supplemental income for housing,

- Still no information on how to appeal the new SIS. It is very concerning as to how the SIS scores are still going down and not knowing what is being reported, etc. There is still not an official appeal document.
- Discussion on creative ideas to keep keys safe for residential individuals. Some have lost theirs and staff lose the backup. Some ideas are multiple replacements, codes, or biometrics.