



Welcome to the

Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Task Force



September 27, 2023
Indiana Government Center South
Conference Room C





Agenda

1 p.m.: Public Comment

2 p.m.: Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch Calls Meeting to Order

2:05 p.m.: Introduction of Task Force Members

2:15 p.m.: Review and Approval of Minutes from May 2023

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**2:20 p.m.: DDRS Update
BRS/VR Update**

Theresa Koleszar, Director, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services
Corresponding 1102 Recommendation(s)

1.5 Increasing funding for Vocational Rehabilitation Services to ensure the program can address the fiscal deficit, increase Vocational Rehabilitation Services staffing resources, ensure appropriate reimbursement rates for providers to cover costs and recruit and retain staff, and allow expansion and innovation of Pre-Employment Transition Services.

1.6 The 1102 Task Force supports the efforts of the Indiana Rehabilitation Commission and DDRS to implement Employment First in Indiana and encourages their efforts to develop policies, practices, and service delivery models to facilitate increased competitive employment options as the first and preferred outcome of services for people with disabilities.

1.7 The development and promotion of public and private sector partnerships that support youth acquiring work experiences.

2.6 In collaboration with stakeholders, Indiana shall explore, expand, and promote workforce investment to help employers in hiring individuals with disabilities to create an inclusive workforce, which may include access to tax incentives, recruitment and retention strategies, training resources, etc.

4.3 The creation of an array of employment operations that leads to a good life with independence and respect for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and ensures informed choice.

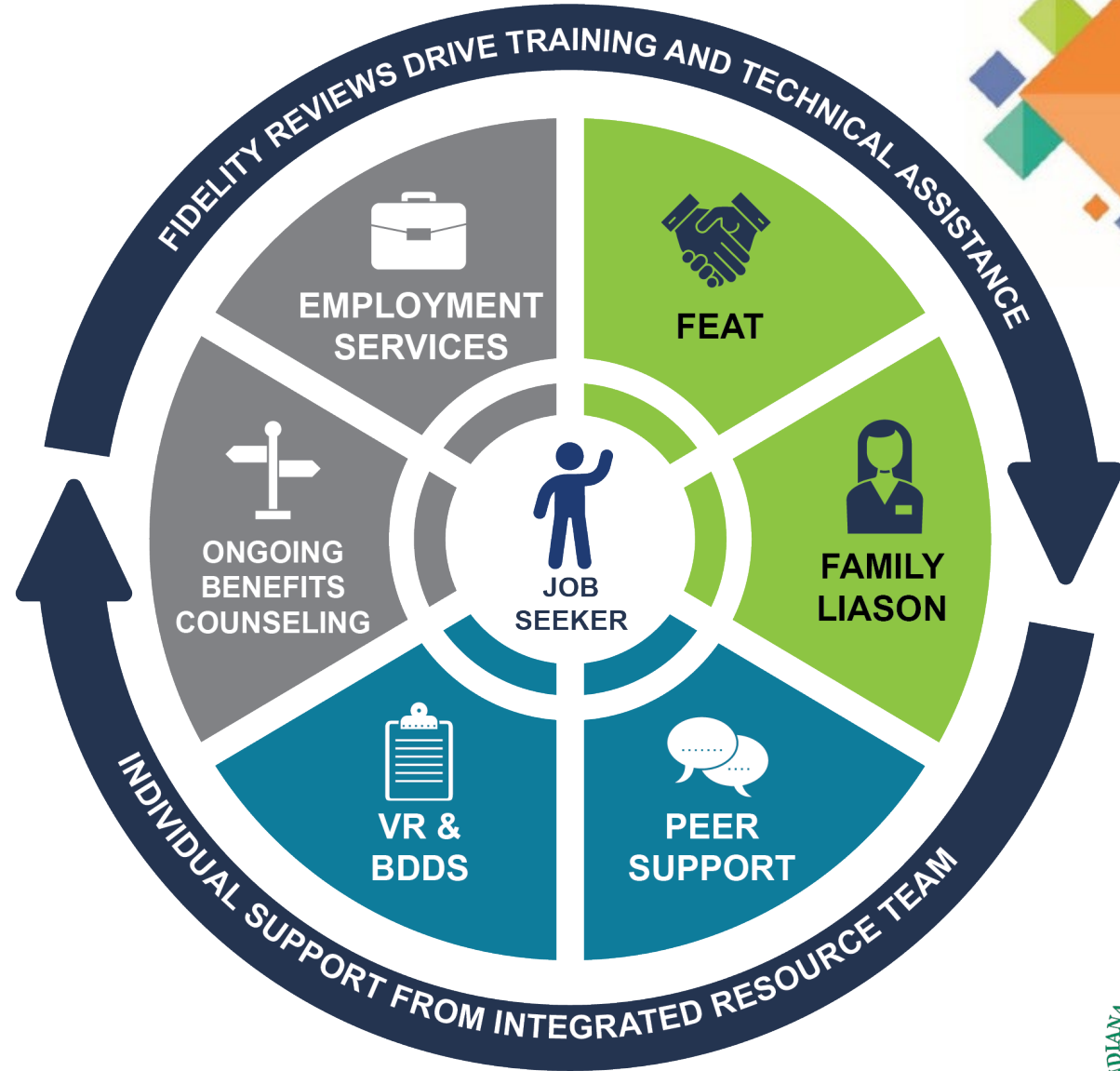
4.4 Developing a plan to enable the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services to serve all Order of Selection priority categories by 2021, or as soon as possible, which would rely upon increased fiscal and staff resources.





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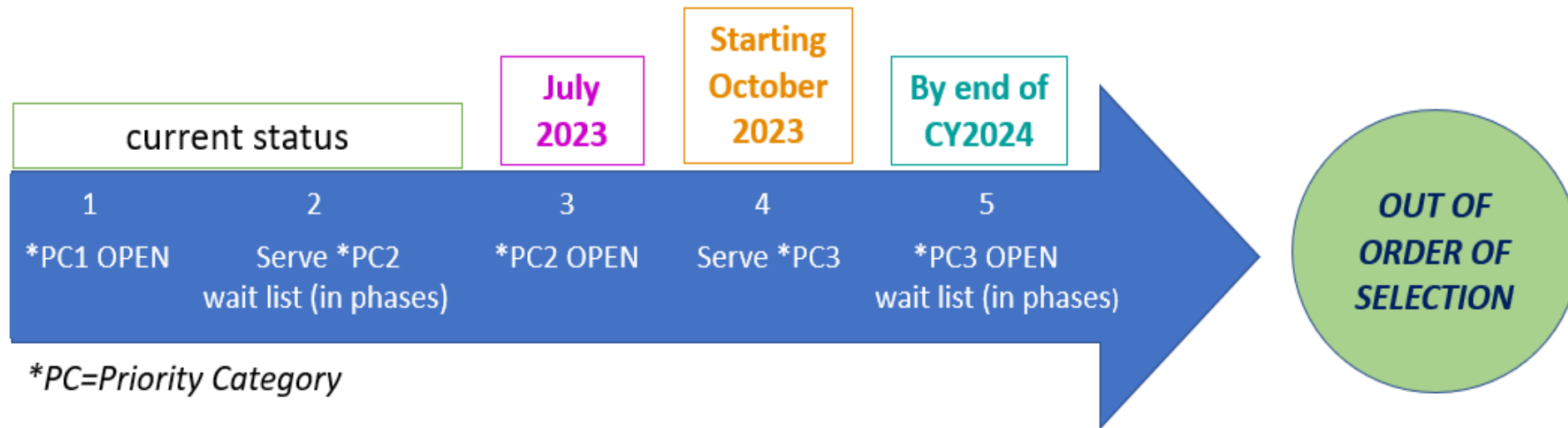
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Order of Selection Update



- Priority category 2 opened July 2023
- Begin priority category 3 releases in October 2023
- Priority category 3 targeted to open by end of CY 2024 which will end the order of selection



*PC=Priority Category



RSA Monitoring



- Draft report of findings resulted in several recommendations but an unprecedented 0 findings.
 - Increase # students receiving pre-ETS who apply to VR.
 - Identify staffing needs as order of selection ends and VR participants increase, e.g., review specialty caseload VR counselors, create job developer positions.
 - Improve provider capacity, e.g., increase # providers, consider agreements with providers to pass on monetary incentives to front-line staff, incentive payments.
 - Consider opportunities to generate additional non-federal match.
 - Remove expected family contribution requirement for postsecondary training.
 - Improve participant wages and expand career pathways and postsecondary credentials.
 - Enhance administrative policies, e.g., federal reporting, internal controls, contract monitoring, federal service coding, period of performance.
 - Enhance supporting documentation for select federal reports.

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2:30 p.m.: DDRS Update Waiver Redesign/Reset

Cathy Robinson, Associate Director, DDRS Corresponding 1102 Recommendation(s)

1.5 The Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services develop a Medicaid HCBS waiver system with a full array of services and tiered supports to ensure flexibility of services and systems to meet the unique needs of all individuals served.

1.3 Modifying current legislation dictating waiver placement priority to current Medicaid HCBS waivers.

1.4 The Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services convene a group of diverse stakeholders to assist with waiver redesign.

2.5 The development and promotion of public and private sector partnerships that support youth acquiring work experiences.

3.2 The creation of a services and support system that supports and promotes self-advocacy, independence, and informed choice which leads to a good life.

3.3 The design and implementation of a self-directed care model in Medicaid HCBS waivers.

3.7 The Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services encourage the use of emerging technology in Medicaid HCBS waiver service delivery.

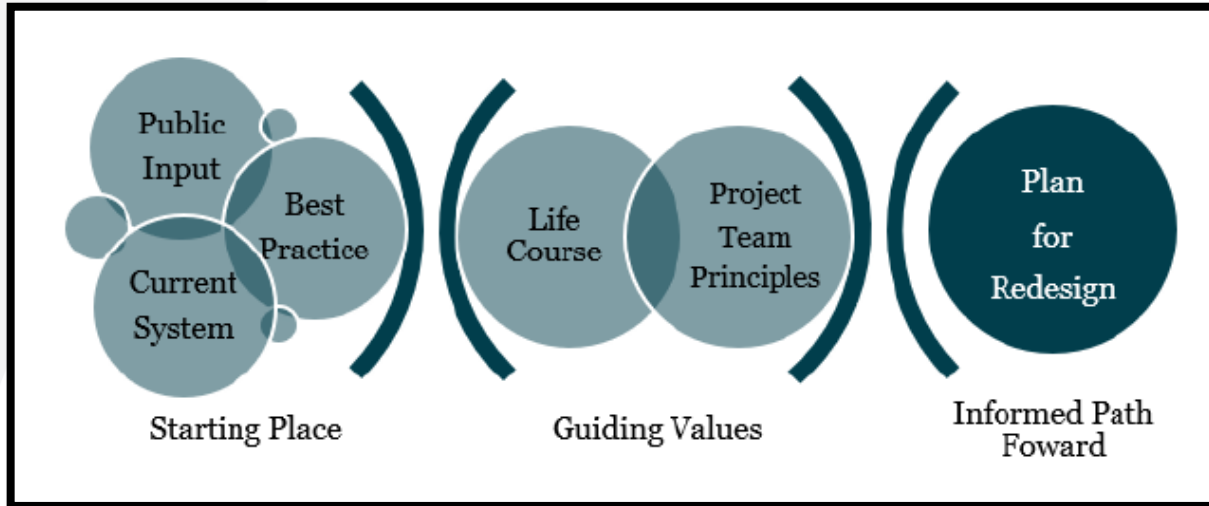
3.8 Telehealth be approved as a viable and approved service delivery method for services, for example Behavior Management and Wellness Care.

4.3 The creation of an array of employment options that leads to a good life with independence and respect for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and ensures informed choice.

4.5 Increasing, as soon as possible, the current state-wide average wage of direct support professionals.



Original Concept for Waiver Redesign



Initial Goals of Waiver Redesign:

- Increase Person-Centered Planning
- Improve Coordination of Care
- Increase Community Engagement
- Enhance Member Experience
- Maintain Qualified Providers (and Improve Capacity)
- Comply with the HCBS rule
- Promote Efficiency

Waiver Redesign Efforts Commenced: April 2019

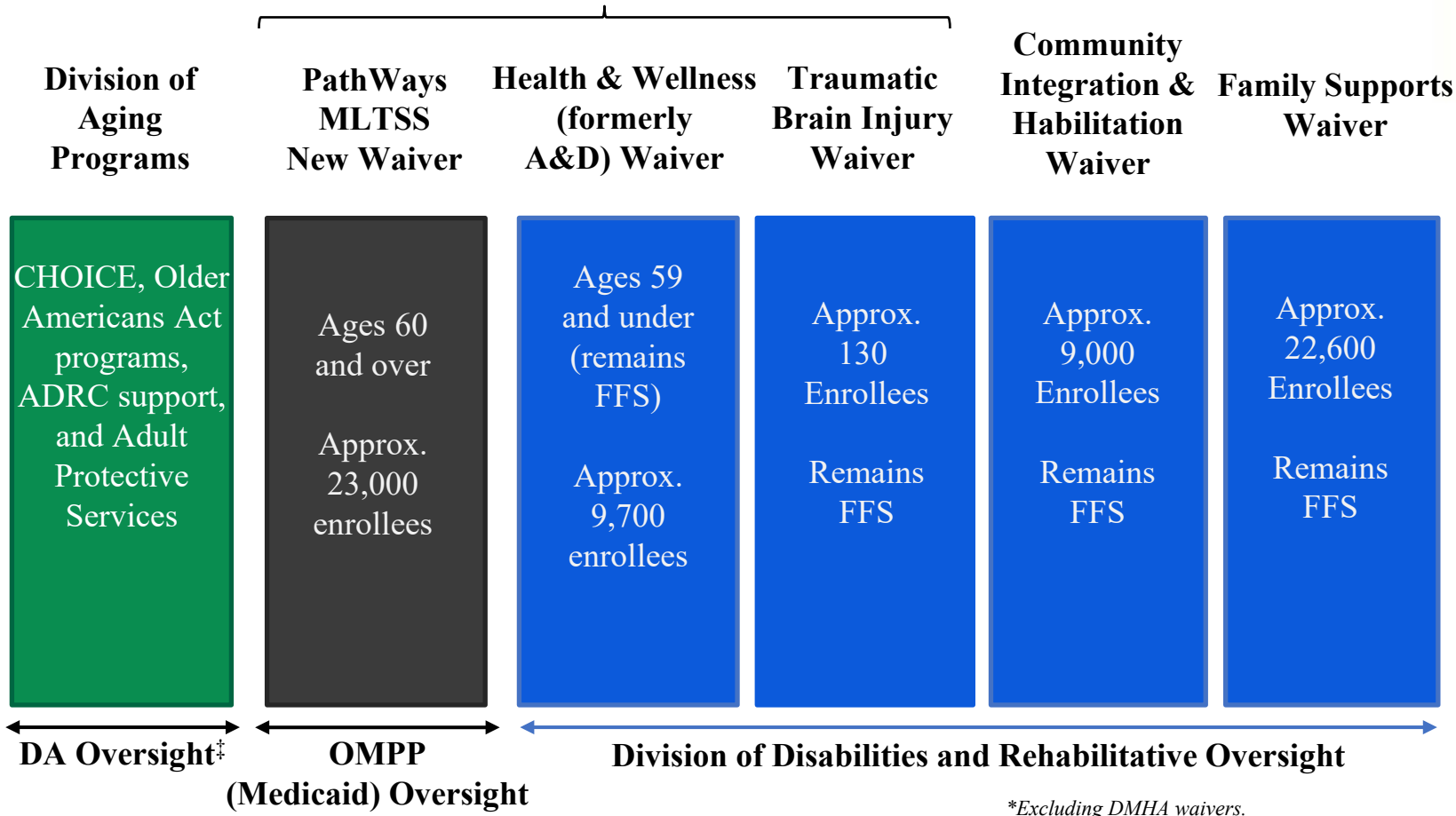
Initial Concept Paper Released: January 2020

Redesign Efforts Paused Due to COVID: March 2020



Future FSSA HCBS Programs*

PathWays, H&W, TBI Changes Effective 7/1/24



*Excluding DMHA waivers.
‡The Division of Aging will continue to provide support and subject matter expertise to OMPP and DDRS in managing HCBS waivers.



Indiana Waiver Transition Timeline



	Q2-23	Q3-23	Q4-23	Q1-24	Q2-24	Q3-24	Q4-24	Q1-25+
Renewal ● A&D - 1915(c)	Renewal Approval by June 30th	Complete!						
Rates ● A&D-1915(c) ● TBI - 1915(c) ● CIH - 1915(c) ● FSW - 1915(c)	Rate Amendments by 7/1/23 (retro effective to 7/1/23 by 9/30/23)	Submissions complete!						
Operational & Program Changes ● PathWays - 1915(b)/(c) ● A&D -> H&W 1915(c) ● TBI - 1915(c) ● FSW & CIH - 1915(c)	Waiver drafting	Final waiver prep, informal CMS submission 8/1/23	CMS Approval Deadline – 7/1/24 effective date for amended waivers, formal entry into WMIS: 11/01/23; formal submission to CMS: 1/15/24					
Other ● PathWays, H&W, & TBI amend ● Self Direction - all waivers					Waiver Amendment and Approval (Self-Direction CMS submission tentatively Q3-24 & tentatively effective Q1-25; Level of Care Assessment Representative (L-CAR)			

Tentative dates pending state decisions



Prioritization of recommendations



- Sub-Committee Met Twice to Review and Prioritize Recommendations
- Task Force Members Received Written Update on 1102 Recommendations
- Task Force Members Received Report from Priorities Workgroup

The following recommendations are noted as without substantial progress:

1.2 An appropriation, to be known as the 1102 IDD Task Force Community Living Expansion Initiative.

2.3 People with IDD, or their interests, are included in the state's initiatives related to the development and use of driverless vehicle technology in Indiana. (The sub-committee recommends removal given status of driverless vehicle technology)

2.4 Developing transportation strategies promoting independence and employment through collaborative efforts of key stakeholders and public-private partnerships across rural and urban areas.

3.5 The establishment of a statewide IDD crisis response program utilizing all available federal funding (i.e., Medicaid HCBS waiver). (Noted by sub-committee as potential priority)

4.8 Appropriations for DDRS and other state agencies sufficient to develop, plan, and implement Task Force recommendations.



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2:45 p.m.: 1102 Priority Recommendations

The sub-committee recommends the following priority areas for consideration by the full Task Force:



Priority Ranking	Goal Area	Recommendation	Why/Notes/Discussion
1	1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.9, 2.5, 3.2, 3.3, 3.7, 3.9	Waiver Redesign/Reset (iiiiii)	Top priority; New recommendation—merger of existing recommendations related to redesign/reset
2	1.5,1.6,1.7, 2.6,4.3,4.4	Employment (iiiiii)	Some combination of the current recommendations
3	2.4	Transportation (iiiiii)	New recommendation rather than continuation of current?
4	NEW	Health & Wellness (ii)	
4	3.5	Statewide Crisis Response (ii)	Mental health crisis/Dual Diagnosis/Complex Needs

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3:20 p.m.: Next Meeting and Adjournment

Next Meeting, May 2024

3:20 p.m.: Adjournment





Thank you for attending the

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