

Developmental Disabilities Health Supports Network August 2014

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History

- Regional Community Support Center (RCSC) initially as a piloted clinic-based program was established in 1996, and funded by special appropriations via the Virginia General Assembly since 1998.
- Renamed the Developmental Disabilities Health Support Network (DDHSN) in a draft proposal, February 2014, the plan was revised in favor of a model designed to be:
 - Flexible, dynamic, and driven by individual need
 - Education-centric
 - Technology enhanced

Need

- As of 2010, 140,000 Virginians are estimated to have IDD.
- Catalyzed by the DOJ settlement with Virginia, institutionalized individuals are rejoining the community.
- Health care service coordination and provision is fundamental to maintaining the viability of this transition.

- Immediate Service Provision
 - Identifying region-based individual needs
 - Evaluation of discharge health related needs
 - Needs assessment re-evaluation
 - Establish dental services options
 - RN Care Consultants
 - Identifying providers
 - Distribute statewide health professional survey
 - Develop statewide and regional contact list
 - Determine needs/barriers/solutions

Two Part Plan

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- Long-term Sustainability
 - Increase statewide awareness of need
 - Utilize statewide expertise
 - Provide telehealth enhanced service
 - Develop free CEU education programs for willing providers
 - Create a statewide university consortium
 - Develop IDD curriculums
 - Didactic
 - “Clinicals” with experts

Conclusion

- Creative utilization of resources - personnel, programs, and equipment will all need to be considered for a robust DDHSN to develop.
- We should look not only to the experts in IDD healthcare, but also to those willing to become experts, as we establish and finance systems that serve a potentially vulnerable and underserved population.
- As healthcare providers become more willing and able to care for people with IDD within their usual day-to-day practice, we will ensure we are not creating a parallel healthcare system.