

Draft List of Workgroup's Factors

Each of these factors will be used to evaluate the options that may be recommended by the workgroup. Each factor provides a lens to examine the proposed options. The proposed factors have been worded to allow the workgroup to evaluate and raise questions that may require additional information or data to complete the assigned task of the workgroup.

The Proposed Option:

1. Ensures all appropriate information is provided in a clear, objective way to the Guardian/Resident/Authorized Representative/Family as to whether or not this is the most integrated setting that is appropriate for the individual available in order to make an informed decision as to most appropriate for meeting the individual's needs. *Note: Assumption is that all information and options are provided in accordance with the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement, specifically Section IV, Paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 as well as Section XXXX (need specific reference) of the Americans with Disabilities Act.*
2. Provides for the individual's health, safety and quality of life which are maximized regardless of the individual's care setting. *Note: Assumption that valid outcome measures and "sentinel event monitoring" are in place and used to ensure the individual continues to receive appropriate care.*
3. Provides full and timely access to comparable and appropriate services and supports regardless of care setting or placement, including when transferring from one Training Center to another.
4. Increases, decreases or no impact on the current cost of serving individuals in a Training Center versus those served in the community through the current ID or DD Waiver. And if increased costs does this option potential impact access to services for those in the community?
5. Impact on the Commonwealth is either minimized or savings are realized, such that the overall affordability of the care system is maintained or improved—rather than stressed. And, the processes of citing, permitting, securing capital and financing capital improvements to existing Training Centers or other residential options do not tax current staff and financial resources—impacting other priorities.
6. Increases, decreases or is neutral on impact to individuals and families who elect to continue care in a training center as within reasonable geographic proximity to both their families and the facility is integrated into the greater surrounding community—providing access to the greater community similar to individuals who live in settings viewed as more integrated, due to size or location within neighborhoods.
7. Provides the same type of livability that is available for the non-disabled population and a qualitative environment which supports the individual and reinforces community collaborations.