MFP Evaluation Advisory Meeting
3.18.15

The Evaluation Advisory Committee reviewed the report "Stakeholder Input Regarding the Sustainability of the MFP Program" and discussed the section that summarized the MFP Challenges and Opportunities for Improvement. Ideas for addressing each challenge are captured below.

Policy Context

- Dedicating someone in charge of conversion process
  - BIP is working on this – funding is available
- Local contact is available at DFCS
- Determine characteristics of a successful transition and apply them to a prioritization process
- Opportunity to streamline the processes and policies – get a group focused on this
  - Waiver enrollment
  - Reimbursement for demonstration services

Insufficient Community Services

- Mental health services – Review the PASSR and implement services that match the nursing facility services
- Advocacy
- Behavioral health analysis—review the data for MFP participants with a BH diagnosis (including recidivism rate, sentinel events, QoL, etc.)
- Housing – Columbus area having success
- Transportation – Pilot underway, identify other opportunities
- Better information about what other organizations are doing
- BIP community partners

Infrastructure

- MOUs
- Data sharing agreements
- Virtual assistance
- Teleassessment (particularly for out-of-state individuals)
- Learn from Texas and Ohio-- use auto-referral from MDSQ to get information on residents interested in community options.

Circle of Support

- Redefine or make more flexible

- Microboards developed
- Better discovery process (need more time/resources)
    o Learn from DBHDD
    o Good facilitation training of TCs

External Communication

- Options Counselor role may need to be separate from role of communication with external partners- having to manage both the outreach and providing Options Counseling is not working as well as it could be.
- Decision makers need to develop values proposition

Wait Time

- Create program efficiencies
- Increase resources to support more TCs or decrease roles of TCs
- Pre-release authorization from SS to prove SSI income – identify ways to verify income for housing identification/placement
- Learn more about opportunism to handle criminal background checks to expedite housing identification and placement (DAS has ability to run a background check now)