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Supportive Housing Association Meeting

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Frank Melville Act

- February 4, 2011 – Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2010
 - At its core, statutorily promotes community integration, tenancy, independence, autonomy and choice for individuals with disabilities
 - Promotes individual responsibility in the supports and treatment they receive
 - Promotes tenancy

In HUD 811 application this translated to:

- Debundling to housing from services
- Minimum of 1 year lease
- limits # of units (25%) for individuals with a disability, eviction only for serious, repeated offenses (housing not contingent on treatment)

HUD Advisory

- Affirms HUD's commitment that individuals should have meaningful choice and self-determination in housing and in the health care and related support services they receive.
- Individuals should have the opportunity to live and interact with individuals who do not have a disability.
- Enables individuals to practice self-determination, autonomy and independence in their environment.
- Scope of guidance is limited to HUD funded-housing
- Consistent with US Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Justice enforcement activities

NJ Context: ASO Impact on Services & Contracts

- ASO/MBHO (Administrative Services Organization/ Managed Behavioral Health Organization) to manage the continuum of behavioral health services
- Current treatment and recovery services funded by DMHAS will remain funded, but will fall under the ASO/MBHO
- Cost reimbursement contract methodology does not closely tie reimbursement to service utilization and does not incentivize cost effectiveness at the agency level
- The managed care arrangement would transform all community cost reimbursement treatment contracts to a fee-for-service (FFS) reimbursement method

DMHAS Supportive Housing Subsidies

- DHS is establishing a centralized housing unit, enabling the department to consolidate supportive housing
 - The ASO will manage the services within the housing
 - Centralized housing unit will be identifying units that are vacant and available, subsidies that have been recycled that be utilized
 - Individual to receive service package from ASO and housing from centralized housing unit when housing becomes available
 - Currently the DMHAS manages 2,200 subsidies but overall there are over 4000 supportive housing slots for mental health consumers

Technical Assistance

- SAMHSA Educational Assistance - currently and over next year
 - BHbusiness: Mastering Essential Business Operations
 - TA support to behavioral healthcare executives, expanding their skills to thrive in a healthcare environment driven by changes in funding and regulations.
 - Convene 2 learning networks, focusing on the Strategic Business Planning course
- Exploring other T/A opportunities in the areas of third party billing, third party contract negotiations, eligibility and enrollment

Technical Assistance

- Trainings and Technical Assistance Opportunities for providers
 - SAMHSA Olmstead Funding
 - DMHAS Readiness Assessment and Review
 - Provider Input
 - Development of Work plan

Technical Assistance

- Community Support Services – Training/TA (service provision and outcomes)
 - Two concurrent, one-year long tracks
 - supervisors
 - direct care workers
 - Medicaid Billing
 - Regulations overview