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organizations, providers, case managers and BDDS staff

From: Cathy Robinson, Director, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services

Re: Waiver Redesign Meeting Toolkit now available

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Last month, the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services released its <u>Waiver Redesign Initial</u> <u>Concept Paper</u>. The concept paper provides an opportunity for BDDS to share the changes it is considering and the issues that those changes are meant to address. It is a way of making sure that everyone has an opportunity provide feedback with the major ideas and path forward.

In order to fulfill the concept paper's purpose, BDDS has developed a variety of opportunities for self-advocates, families, case managers, providers, and other interested stakeholders to learn about the concept paper and to provide feedback. To further widen these opportunities, we are pleased to share our recently developed Waiver Redesign Meeting Toolkit, which is available on the BDDS Waiver Redesign webpage.

The Waiver Redesign Meeting Toolkit includes a discussion guide and PowerPoint presentation that you can use in meetings to share information and facilitate feedback. The discussion guide includes instructions on how to gather feedback and send it to HSRI – BDDS' Waiver Redesign contractor. The discussion guide can be used at your organization's regular meetings and is intended to supplement other feedback opportunities. We also encourage provider and case management organizations to consider using the discussion guide with their staff to ensure that their perspective is reflected in the feedback gathered around the concept paper.

For more information, including links to the concept paper and information on additional ways to provide feedback, please visit the <u>BDDS Waiver Redesign webpage</u>.

