Funding for Services Workgroup | 8/29/17

On call: Rachel, Nancy Rosenau, Ellen, Nancy Murray

Proposed Community Living Waiver

* Comments due Sept 25
* Webinars to receive public comments:
  + September 18, 2017 – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m
  + September 20, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
* Rachel- preliminary draft

Follow up from Aug 8 meeting

* Legislative Budget and Finance Committee Study
  + Meet with legislator who would be interested in passing legislation that would direct the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to issue a report on topic of our choice
  + 8-12 month process
  + Report would be given to every member of the legislature, all department heads, formal presentation of report by LBFC to committee whose jurisdiction it is under
  + Even if community living was found more expensive, report could include other benefits of family life; would do in-depth research, both quantitative and qualitative
    - interviews with families, Coalition members, providers, etc.
  + Could shed light on nursing shortage and consequences of nursing shortages
* **Pilot project/collaboration with MCOs – first priority of the workgroup**
  + Reach out to Leah French- Health Partners- preliminary conversations
    - Nancy R- first draft of set of questions for Leah
  + Possibility down the line: collaborate with Leesa Allen to reach more MCOs
* Public process of reporting on reducing children in facilities
  + Could develop questions for LBF study that would lead to this
    - Eg. ask what would be necessary to create a children’s Olmstead plan in PA

Katie- schedule next month’s meeting at a time when Leah French can join