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Response to State Auditor’s Report Chapter 1
SAO Report

• SAO audit concluded prior to implementation of Senate Bill 27, 80th Legislature, 2007.

• S.B. 27 included provisions related to the Community Living Options Information Process for adult residents of state schools.
  ➢ Living options for a state school resident are reviewed 30 days after admission to the state school, at least annually, and upon request by the resident/family members/guardian.

• S.B. 27 directed DADS to delegate to local MRAs the implementation of a Community Living Options Information Process for adult residents at state schools.

• The Community Living Options Information Process and tools were developed in conjunction with a broad range of stakeholders as required by the bill.

• January 2, 2008 - the process was fully operational in accordance with S.B. 27.
State School Improvements
System-Wide Initiatives

• Person-Centered Values
  ➢ Values-Based Culture Training: treating individuals with dignity and respect
  ➢ Standardized Person-Directed Planning System: standardized process for developing individualized plans based upon the individual’s needs and what is important to the individual

• Individual Rights
  ➢ Standardized Rights Assessment: protecting individuals’ rights
  ➢ Most Integrated Setting
  ➢ Positive Behavior Support
  ➢ Restraint Reduction
System-Wide Initiatives

• Quality Medical Services
  ➢ Nursing Services
  ➢ Specialized Therapies
  ➢ Medication Management
    • Use of Standardized Assessment Tools for the Side Effects of Medications
    • Training in the area of Poly-Pharmacy

• Continuous Quality Improvement
  ➢ Health Status Committees
  ➢ Standardized Unusual Incident Trend Analysis System
  ➢ Emergency Code Drills
Contracted Services from the Columbus Organization

• Training
  ➢ Competency based and “train the trainer” training provided at all facilities
    • Identifying and reporting abuse, neglect, and exploitation
    • Active treatment
    • Client rights
    • Nursing practices
    • Habilitation therapies and augmentative communication systems and devices
    • Nursing services with an integrated holistic health care approach
  ➢ Additional specialized training conducted at selected facilities
    • Active treatment
    • Person directed planning
    • Positive behavior supports
    • Nursing services
• Technical Assistance
Hiring

• The biennial appropriation for State Schools for FY 2008-09 is $1.040 billion, which includes additional funding to allow DADS to hire an additional 1,690 FTEs
  ➢ 1,211 medical professional and direct care positions
  ➢ 479 positions that support State School operations
  ➢ 1,139 of the new positions have been filled as of August 18, 2008

• DADS is working to ensure the newly allocated positions are filled over the next Fiscal Year
Interest Lists
• Medicaid Entitlements
  - Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded or Related Conditions – State Schools, Community
  - Nursing Facilities
  - Hospice
  - Primary Home Care (PHC)
  - Community Attendant Services (CAS)
  - Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS)

• 1915(c) Medicaid Waivers
  - Home and Community-based Services (HCS)
  - Community-Based Alternatives (CBA)
  - Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP)
  - Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)
  - Deaf-Blind/Multiple Disabilities Program (DBMD)
  - Texas Home Living (TxHmL)
  - Consolidated Waiver Program (CWP)

• Non-Medicaid Funded Services - Federal (Title XX, Older Americans Act)
• General Revenue Funded Services
Interest Lists

- Demand typically outweighs the availability of community services, so names of interested individuals are placed on interest lists and are assessed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- When an individual comes to the top of a list, the eligibility determination process begins.
- While on an interest list, many individuals’ needs may be met through other programs.
Interest Lists, continued

- Service levels are impacted by federal appropriations and funding appropriated by the Legislature
- The 80th Texas Legislature appropriated $71.5 million General Revenue and $167.3 million All Funds for expansion of the Medicaid waiver and non-Medicaid community services programs at DADS. With the additional authorized funding, we anticipate serving an additional 8,902 persons during the 08-09 biennium
  - CBA – 1,607
  - CLASS – 586
  - HCS – 2,676
  - MDCP – 415
  - DBMD – 16
  - Non-Medicaid – 2,228
  - In-Home Family Support – 1,374
These counts reflect the end of June, 2008.

* Individuals who are not SSI eligible and who want 1915(c) CBA-like waiver services are on an interest list. This interest list is managed by DADS and the numbers above reflect those non-SSI individuals on the interest list whose eligibility has not yet been determined.

** Count is duplicated. The unduplicated count is 82,050.

The unduplicated count without STAR+PLUS is 79,925.