

**Home and Community-Based Services Stakeholder Meeting
June 9, 2016**

201 W. Preston Street, L3
Baltimore, MD 21201

Attendees: Pamela Tenemaza (DHMH), Kaitlyn Whiton (Hilltop), Ian Stockwell (Hilltop), MaryAnn Mood (Hilltop), Karin Lakin (MAADS/LifeSpan), Racine Monroe (DHMH), Lisa Toland (DHMH), Claudette Feggins (DHMH), Denise Farmer (DHMH), Jeronica Baldwin (DHMH), Mark Leeds (DHMH), April Wiley (DHMH), Katie Henry, Dominick ____ (DHMH), Mary Collins (Caregiver), ____ (OHCQ), ____ (Shwartz Metz Wise), ____ (Council member)

Provider Survey - Initial Results:

Ian Stockwell presented the initial results for the 2016 HCBS Provider Self-Assessment. Presentation slides will be made available, posted to the DHMH website.

- Aim was to assess where we are now and the different level of compliance.
- Vast majority of providers are not compliant with at least one portion of the regulation.
- Very few providers are 100% compliant.
- Results are not surprising and in line with other states.
- A new rule and new expectations of providers.
- Dramatic difference in compliance level across portion of the regulation as well as across service settings. Again, not surprising.

Provider Survey - Pass/Fail Analysis:

Rebecca Oliver presented an overview of the pass/fail analysis by DHMH staff. Presentation slides will be made available, posted to the DHMH website.

- Not an official analysis, just a rough grouping to see where providers stand relative to other providers and how far from compliance.

Updates:

- HCBS survey is complete. 100% compliance or no longer providing service.
- DDA is still working on their survey.
- Site visits and participant survey are in progress.
- Providers will receive a letter outlining the regulation and the questions they indicated non-compliant on.
- Based on the letter, the provider is expected to develop their own transition plan to come into full compliance.
- Providers who are non-complaint on the red flagged questions are most likely subjected to heightened scrutiny (HS).

- Providers subjected to HS will receive a separate letter.

Things to Note:

- Compliance is not required till March 2019.
- CMS expects 100% compliance, regardless of the characteristics of the population served.
- Any restrictions/modifications must be documented in the plan of service.
- Providers do not necessary have to provide every service, but the option has to be available for their clients.
- Heightened scrutiny is applied to settings that are community oriented, but have institutional characteristics in nature.