Short term Stabilization Homes (SSH)

6/23/16 Update
Background – Crisis Services

- CART, additional staffing supports
- 2010 Service and Support Teams (SST) began
- SST and 2012 Dual Diagnosis Workgroup highlight need for more intensive residential alternatives.
- 2016 SSH to begin
What is SSH?

- Licensed as CILA
- Serving individuals with behavioral challenges that have not been able to be stabilized in the community, despite SST intervention
- Waiver service
- An alternative to SODC for some
- Short term is up to 90 days
- To serve Division referrals on a no decline basis within 24 hours of referral
SSH to begin September 1

- RFP circulated in 2015
- April 2016 awards to
  - Envision Unlimited
  - Individual Advocacy Group (IAG)
Who will SSH serve?

- Adults, age 18 or older, with an intellectual or developmental disability
- Experiencing a serious behavioral situation that threatens their ongoing ability to live in their home in the community, despite SST intervention
- Regardless of Medicaid, Waiver or service eligibility
- Referred by the Division of Developmental Disabilities
Which homes serve what geography?

- Envision Unlimited will serve the northern 1/3 of state (Northwest, North Suburban, City of Chicago, South Suburban Regions)
- IAG will serve the central and southern 2/3 (North Central, Central, Southern Regions)
Where will homes be located?

- Envision Unlimited homes will be in south suburbs of Chicago
- IAG homes will be located outside the Springfield area
How much capacity in these homes?

- Each agency will have 2 homes
- Each home will have a maximum of 4 people
- Each person will have their own bedroom.
Staffing of these homes?

- Each home will have
  - BCBA
  - QIDP
  - RN
  - DSPs
- Some LCSWs/LCPCs and Registered Behavior Technicians
- Both agencies will have consulting psychiatrists
Hiring and training

- Initial staff will be a blend of new hires and internal transfers
- Most of staff chosen and starting in July for training
- Both agencies will begin for these homes
  - Safety Care
  - The Skills System
Acquiring and renovating homes

- Both agencies busy purchasing homes
- Each has already closed on 1 home
- Will close on last 2 in June
- All homes will need some physical modifications for
  - Local codes
  - Accessibility
  - Meeting needs of expected individuals
Much work being done

- Policies, procedures, forms in development with SST and SSH
- Payment, data collection, and Medicaid claiming processes in motion
How to achieve short term – up to 90 days

- Processes, incentives and requirements
- Explicit upfront decision – returning?
- Written summary from 72 hour staffing of responsible party tasks (SSH, SST, ISC, DDD, family, other) with weekly updates and sharing
- SST continues with individual through SSH and helps in transition and ongoing stabilization
- Original ISC continues until return or new home, if needed.
More details?

- Detailed information will be available later in the summer before SSH begins
- Process to access SSH and how to work with SSH will be provided prior to September
- Other Questions??
Follow Up Questions

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