



Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Task Force

Current Environment and Impacts on Services (from Task Force Member's Perspectives)

- 1) **Based on your experiences, and looking ahead, describe the greatest need or biggest challenge impacting supports and services to individuals with IDD and their families over the next ten years.**
 - Support services for living at home;
 - Providing a living wage for caregivers and support staff;
 - Better training for caregivers and support staff;
 - A refocus on supports outside of paid supports is needed;
 - High expectations from day one in early intervention all the way to school and then into the workforce;
 - Options for optimum health, like attending gym classes;
 - Desire for a self-directed waiver; and
 - Flexible system to respond to individual and family needs.

- 2) **How would you recommend responding to this need or challenge over the next ten years? (If applicable, identify an associated law, regulation, policy or funding source.)**
 - Better pay and developing a career ladder – example of entry level to PhD career path of person who made public comment;
 - Improved use of technology as a support;
 - Tele-psychiatry, telemedicine can be used in rural areas;
 - Deployment of services and early intervention there is a return on investment – and less services are needed as an individual gets older;
 - First Steps changed his family's lives and suggests that it is a great program to build upon; and
 - Diversified ABA therapy needs to be explored because that provided initial impact to families – especially to children with autism.

- 3) **Identify two additional needs or challenges impacting supports and services over the next ten years.**
 - Lt. Governor suggests that position papers from Task Force members be submitted;
 - Uncertainty of federal and state laws related to HCBS;
 - Impact of the opioid crisis;
 - Affordable housing for low income;
 - Transportation;
 - Individuals with a dual diagnosis;
 - Workforce issue;
 - Technology;
 - Best practices associated with reimbursement models; and
 - Rural areas across the state that services are limited.