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Subject: ReBAR Project Update #4 Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) Pilot Test

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Message: ReBAR, "Restructuring Budgets, Assessments, and Rates," is SPD's multi-year project to develop a uniform and transparent system of individual assessments and standardized funding for services within the DD Comprehensive Services Waiver. Those services are: group homes, supported living settings, employment and community inclusion services. The Project is targeted for implementation after September 2010.

This transmittal updates information about current activities of the Project. The first is the beginning of the "Pilot Test" of the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) this month. The second is the targeted release of the Provider Cost Survey and the Individual Service Survey (ISS) at the end of June.

SIS Pilot Test – Summer 2007

The State has not previously had a standardized assessment tool that adequately identifies the types of support that an individual with developmental disabilities might need. The SIS was chosen as the assessment instrument to accomplish that in Oregon. It is a nationally recognized, structured interview assessment tool, developed by the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) to identify the support needs of individuals with developmental disabilities. The SIS is currently being used in seven other states.

ReBAR Project consultants, Human Services Research Institute (HSRI), selected a statistically random sample of 400 individuals in group homes, supported living

settings, employment and community inclusion services, to “try out” the SIS and the process of its administration, in a “SIS Pilot Test.”

The Project has also contracted with AAIDD to hire 11 SIS-trained and experienced interviewers to conduct SIS Assessment Interviews in the 11 counties where the sample 400 individuals reside, and the 73 providers that currently serve them.

The Pilot Test began Monday, June 4, 2007 and will continue through August 2007. The following is a list of the counties where these consumers reside and where the SIS Pilot Test is being conducted:

Deschutes	Hood River
Jackson	Tillamook
Klamath	Umatilla
Lane	Multnomah
Marion	Washington
Polk	

Results from the SIS interviews will be combined statewide, for use in developing one aspect of a future model for determining “levels of support” needed by individuals served in the Comprehensive Service System.

The Provider Cost Survey and the Individual Service Survey (ISS)

During the same time period that the Pilot Test is occurring, there will also be two surveys conducted. One survey will be the Provider Cost Survey. This will gather information from the 73 providers in the Pilot Test, about the actual cost of the services their agency provides. The other survey is the Individual Service Survey (ISS). This instrument will also collect information from the 73 providers in the Pilot Test, but will focus on the services, staffing patterns, etc. associated with each individual they serve who is in the sample of 400 individuals. Both the Provider Cost Survey and the ISS are scheduled to be released on June 28, 2007

The ReBAR Project will hold a Technical Assistance Session for these providers on July 11, 2007 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, from 10:00am to 4:00pm, to assist providers with how to complete each of these surveys. Plans are underway to video-cast this session from several additional sites with video conferencing capabilities throughout the State.

ReBAR Project Report

This Pilot Test involves many, many individuals throughout the state over a four month period. The process is complex and counties, providers, consumers and family members, are engaged in a variety of roles and time-intensive tasks to make it successful. Both the processes and the outcomes will be analyzed and evaluated by

the Project's evaluation consultants, University of Oregon Education and Research Unit and HSRI. Reports will be made available when the Pilot Test is over and analysis is complete.

For further information:

- ReBAR Project general information and ReBAR related information transmittals (IMs) can be found at <http://www.dhs.state.or.us/dd/rebar>
- Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) general information may be found at <http://www.siswebsite.org>
- You may also contact the Project directly via email at rebar.project@state.or.us or by phone at (503) 947-5099.

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