

Aging & Disability Resources: Draft 2019 Area Plan Budget

Pierce County Human Services



Public Hearing

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018

10:00 to 11:00 am

Pierce County Sound View Bldg – SV1

Attendance

- ADR Advisory Board members = 7
- HS/ADR staff = 6
- Community members / guests = 1

Meeting Summary

David Friscia, ADR Advisory Board Chair opened the public hearing for presentation of the 2019 draft Area Plan budget, followed by the opportunity for discussion, questions and public comment / testimony. ADR Program Manager Aaron Van Valkenburg presented a summary of the proposed 2019 budget, including significant fiscal impacts and notable changes in projected revenues. The following questions were addressed:

Questions

- **ADR is considering applying to become the lead organization for Health Homes serving dually-eligible (Medicare/Medicaid) beneficiaries after the current lead organization – Optum – stops providing this service. When will this decision be made?**
 - Optum will terminate their role as the Health Home lead effective Nov. 30, 2018. ADR is consulting with the WA State Health Care Authority and other Area Agencies on Aging that currently operate as a Health Home lead to gather more information. Action will be required within the next 2-4 weeks.
- **What is the Medicaid Case Management caseload size?**
 - ADR's total current caseload is approximately 5,200 open cases. ADR anticipates a caseload of 5,700 by end of 2019. The targeted clinical case management ratio in the State budget is 83.5 cases per case manager.
- **What is the projected 2019 revenue for the Medicaid Transformation Demonstration (MTD)?**
 - An error was noted on the budget handout for 2019 MTD revenue. The projected amount of revenue should read \$700,187.

- **What was the outcome of the Performance Audit for senior center funding (Pierce County General Funds)? What will happen with the additional funds various County Council members have awarded to designated centers?**
 - A draft report will be presented by Council Legislative Analyst staff to the County Council's Performance Audit Committee on Sept. 26th and the final report will be presented to the Council's Select Committee on Human Services on Oct. 2nd. ADR staff will be available at both meetings to answer questions that may arise related to the current process. ADR anticipates final policy decisions regarding allocation of senior center funding will be made during the upcoming Council budget retreats in Oct.

- **Are there any current waiting lists for ADR-funded services?**
 - For a time, there was a waiting list to receive respite services under the Family Caregiver Support program, however ADR was able to close that list within the past several months and all eligible clients are now being served. There are no waiting lists for any ADR-funded services at this time.

Comments / Discussion

There were no further comments, discussion or testimony by public hearing participants.

Written Comments

Written comments on the draft budget were accepted from the date of publication on Sept. 4, 2018 through Sept. 17, 2018. No written comments were received prior to or up through the public hearing.