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Statewide Conference on a New *Informed Risk Protocol* Developed in Conjunction with Money Follows the Person Program

Greetings!

The Department of Social Services in collaboration with the Department of Public Health and the Home Health Services Legislative Work Group is pleased to announce Connecticut's first statewide conference on "Informed Risk When Choosing Community Based Long Term Care Services and Supports." The conference provides an excellent opportunity for key stakeholders to discuss the newly developed informed risk protocol. The protocol was developed to support a changing healthcare decision making paradigm that now empowers the consumer to determine where they receive long-term services and supports. The protocol will also be helpful to institutional providers and licensed home health agencies that are facing challenges and changes to standard operational procedures as a result of this paradigm shift. Conference participants will learn how regulations support the protocol of consumer informed choice.

Background:

The Olmstead Supreme Court Decision of 1999 challenged government systems to examine policies and practices that prevented consumers from having a choice regarding where they receive their long-term supports and services. One of the key barriers to consumers having the choice to live in the community rather than an institution is the historical preference of government programs to "protect" consumers by institutionalizing them rather than empowering consumers to make an informed choice to assume personal risk and remain in the community. This need to provide "protection" has also resulted in increased regulations on home care providers that burden efforts to place consumers back in the community. It has become clear over the past 10 years that many consumers want to be protected less and want to have more choice and control over their lives. Full implementation of the informed risk protocol marks an important advancement towards the goal of increased choice and control for persons receiving long-term care supports and services in the State of Connecticut.

Limited Registration:

Registration at this statewide conference is limited to 2 representatives from each Home Health Agency and 1 representative from each Hospital. Additional regional events are planned for the fall. To register for the conference please visit <http://ct.train.org> by June 17, 2011. You will be required to set up an account. After setting up your account, insert Course ID number 1028020 into the course ID field. If you have any problems with registration or have any questions, please contact Barbara Swenson at Barbara.Swenson@ct.gov or call 1.860.424.5396.

Space is limited. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

Hope to see you there,

Dawn Lambert

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn Lambert".

Project Director,
Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration

Invitation

On Monday, June 27
join us at the first
STATEWIDE CONFERENCE ON INFORMED RISK



CROWNE PLAZA
100 Berlin Road, Cromwell CT

'Can Susan live safely in the community?' 'Who decides?'
The role of informed risk and choice in decision-making.

You are invited to the first statewide conference on "informed risk." Join us to get the latest information on the importance of supporting individual choice to live in the community, even if that choice involves some risk. Learn how the state's new informed risk decision-making process relates to discharge plans, community care plans, agencies' responsibilities to ensure safety, and ultimately, empowers the people we serve with the right to 'self-determine' where they live.

Keynote Speaker:

Susan Reinhard, RN, PhD, FAAN
Senior Vice President for Public Policy
AARP, Washington, D.C.



Who Should Attend:

Home Health Administrators and Supervisors of Clinical Services, Case Managers, DPH Surveyors, Discharge Planners, State Agency Staff, Consumers

Program:

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
Networking and Breakfast
Welcome and Opening Remarks

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Keynote Speaker
Moderated Roundtable and Interactive Session
Panel response to questions

Register at <http://ct.train.org> by June 17, 2011 - Course ID number 1028020

To request accommodations, contact Barbara Swenson at Barbara.Swenson@ct.gov or call 1.888.992.8637.



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