



ATCO Transitional Planning Forum

Tuesday, March 1, 2016
6pm
ATCO Cafeteria



Agenda

- Introductions
- Mission Statement
- Why we are here?
- What we "know"
- What we don't "know"
- Open discussion
- Questions





Introductions

Facilitators Today:

- Kevin Davis, Superintendent
- Autumn Brown, ATCO Transition Manager
- Introductions by all (sign-up sheet)

Welcomed Autumn to new position



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OUR MISSION

The Mission of the Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to enhance the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities through an array of individualized services and supports

Steve Kravner lead Mission




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Why are we here?

ATCO Transition Announcement - 2.10.16

- The ACBDD and ATCO is announcing that the ACBDD and ATCO will soon begin the process of complying with the federally mandated order from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding county boards of DD and conflict free case management.
- This transition phase will occur over the next three years, with an end goal of all individuals being transitioned to our local partner providers by January 2019. At that time, January 2019, ATCO will cease operations.


3yr Plan + Working
to give everyone to express concerns.



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Why are we here?

- The new federal rule (by CMS) calls for conflict-free case management for all county boards in the state. This mandate is in effect because there is an inherent conflict of interest for any county board that provides the services, monitors the services, and then receives funding for these services. *To resolve this conflict, the ACBDD is required to transition away from providing Medicaid-funded services.*



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Why are we here?


- CMS announced Conflict-Free Case Management Rule in March 2014
- Ohio requested 10-year timeframe (2024)
- DODD announced on June 23, 2015 the CMS will permit Ohio to have until 2024 to come into compliance
- Ohio must take steps over next 9 years to show we are moving toward full compliance
- If a county board is not in full compliance by 2024 it risks losing all federal funds – which would have a disastrous impact on its ability to adequately serve people with developmental disabilities



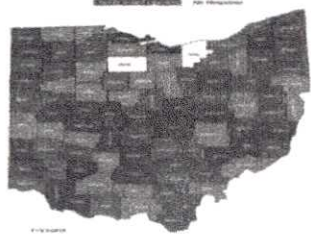
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Why are we here?

- Why have some county boards taken action so quickly to come into compliance
 - i. Simply because a county board has until 2024 does not mean the county board can wait until that time to begin its transition
 - ii. County boards have an obligation to ensure no disruption in services
 - iii. County board programs are quite extensive, and require step-by-step implementation over multiple years



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26 Red Counties Completed Process.

25 Green Over in Process

26 Blue In discussion

9 Blue - No action taken

ACBDD in Green in Process




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Why are we here?

Why is Athens County starting now?

- Benchmarks the ACBDD was required to submit to the DODD regarding the reduction of day habilitation waiver services in October 2015
- An analysis of the current numbers of individuals receiving support at ATCO
- Assessment of our tax levies

We submitted Plan in Oct.
Best Interest to start now.




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Why We are Here?

Why start now – **most importantly?**

- County boards have an obligation to ensure no disruption in services to individuals with dd
- County board programs are quite extensive, and require step-by-step implementation over multiple years
- Because we understand how difficult this transition will be for all involved. We are committed to ensuring quality services for individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities during and after this transition.



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What we know:


ATCO "closing" versus "privatization"

County board has agreed to keep all CB staff on to help with the transition

Services to be affected: ATCO, Transportation, Passion Works

ATCO Board felt Privatization
would be a non-profit felt
they could not do that

Will keep staff until 3yr period
letting current staff & grow clients
to new provider for - 4 = 16 weeks
transition.




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What we know:

ATCO – OPEN Forums – educational meetings
will be held in the ATCO cafeteria.

- March 1, 2016 6:00 p.m.
- April 5, 2016 6:00 p.m.
- May 3, 2016 6:00 p.m.



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What we know:

ATCO transitional planning committee (ATCO
cafeteria)

- March 15, 2016 2:00 p.m.
- March 29, 2016 2:00 p.m.
- April 12, 2016 2:00 p.m.
- April 26, 2016 2:00 p.m.
- May 10, 2016 2:00 p.m.
- May 24, 2016 2:00 p.m.



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What we know:

ATCO Transition Committee Members



offered for other people
to join committee
concerns about time
of meeting



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What we know:

ATCO Transition Manager – Autumn Brown

- Oversee and supervise the Adult Services Program transition and all associated adult services staff. Work with individuals served, as well as families, ATCO support staff of those served, and appropriate SSAs to help ensure a seamless transition between ATCO and the new service providers
- Ensure that direct care staff knowledge transfers as clients transfer from ATCO to another service provider
- Remain in-tune with the work culture and maintain positive morale among employees
- Coordinate opportunities for retained staff to receive assistance with job search techniques, resume building, and professional development/training.



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What we know:

Agency Provider Meeting - Thursday, Feb 25

- RHDD
- Echoing Meadows
- Sech-Kar
- Buckeye Community Services
- Expanding Your Horizons
- Havar
- SOAR

All in attendance indicated a desire to increase their day habilitation services and transportation services

*Interested in Increasing
day hab + services
Sech-Kar purchased building
to expand services*




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What we DON'T know!!!!

A LOT

We do want the County Board to be a leader in this process...it has to be very transparent, and a very inclusive process to all who wish to join

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ATCO Transition Manager


Autumn Brown

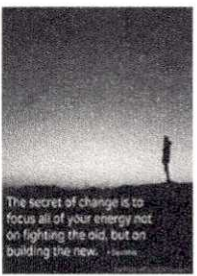
Developmental activities center
DAC

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Open discussion

Questions

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The secret of change is to
focus all of your energy not
on fighting the old, but on
building the new.

Next Steps:

ATCO Transition
Committee –
Tuesday, March 15th, 2pm
ATCO cafeteria

ATCO Open/Educational
Forum – Tuesday, April 5th,
6pm ATCO cafeteria

Autumn gave over views what
she had done over the year at ATCO.
Merged DAC + Hab Floor
to work on transition.
Providers concerned about closing
Providers willing to help
that's why Autumn is helping
with this process. Work to take
clients to other day hab. meeting
with clients to discuss concerns.
Coordinating ATCO IDOL.
going to Day Hab to do with
other Day hab programs.
Work on including other Day
Habs to come to ATCO / ATCO
goes to Day Hab Programs.
Concern about clients who
need more staff interaction.
Day hab programs setting up
open houses for families to attend.