

Subject: **FDDC Alternative Residential Options Work Group Meeting**

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To: Debra Dowds <DebraD@FDDC.ORG>

Dear Debra,

Thank you for responding to my e-mail of Nov. 12 asking for definitions of terms used in FDDC's comments to CMS. My request also included specific questions related to your use of these terms in the context of residential options.

In our attempt to arrive at definitions that are relative to "pertinent facts" under discussion, I am requesting that the discussion of these questions be included in the agenda for the next meeting on November 18 or 19. Of course, we would like your personal input. We are particularly interested in how "inclusion," "integration" and "enhanced socialization" would be implemented by FDDC.

- 1) "Community-based" -- Regarding "community," would FDDC hold to the definition of community as location to qualify for the HCBW?
- 2) "Inclusive communities" -- How is "inclusion" achieved? What studies have been done (or have you done) showing that the current available residential options have achieved their goal of meaningful "inclusion"?
- 3) "Segregated communities" -- What are specific examples of "segregated communities"? Do you see "segregation" as a matter of choice or rather by force or rule?
- 4) "Institutional setting" -- What aspects of "institutional" do you feel are prevalent in any of the planned and existing communities that have been discussed thus far in the work group? Why are they objectionable if they are choice-based and consumer-driven?
- 5) "Community integrated" -- Do you consider group homes distanced by 1,000 ft., with paid staff, "integrated"? How do you think community integration is achieved under these circumstances?
- 6) Communities that "enhance socialization" -- How would you describe their features? How, specifically do inclusive communities "enhance socialization"?

Of course, the Work Group should respond to your analysis of these questions and in that way, we may be on our way to consensus. We need to know the points on which we agree or disagree.

Sincerely,

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