



Presenter: Craig Williams, Program Director for Residential Program of AVCMHA

Guardians in attendance: See Sign in sheet

Staff in attendance: Karin O'Brien, Renee Brasko, Laura Marentette, Teresa Tokarczyk

Residential/CLS Restructure
AFC, COH, CLS Handout

Craig Williams gave an overview of the differences between the Adult Foster Care (AFC) Homes and the Consumer Operated Homes (COH) within our Residential Homes.

There are four AFC Homes – 3 in Oscoda and 1 in WB

There are Twenty COH Homes – 5 in Oscoda, 9 in WB, 1 in RC, 3 in Tawas, 1 in Prescott, 1 in Lupton

Craig presented 5 goals worked on by our Community Living Supports Staff (CLS) who assist in the homes.

Goals include increasing independence, ensuring physical health, successfully transitioning consumers into less restrictive environments, increase natural supports for consumers, and fully inclusive community inclusion.

Our residential program can assist with I/DD and MI Consumers.

CLS Staff provides services out into the community.

What we have found with some of the consumers in our Residential Homes is that they have been overserved by our staff and might need a different direction to transition into full community life.

Overhaul will happen of all of our 20 COH homes to restructure the amount of staff time and/or services necessary for each consumer.

There is not a firm model in place, but there is a plan to complete a six month assessment of homes in Oscoda and establish a pilot program. The assessments will include feedback from staff, consumers and guardians.

Guardian had a couple of questions regarding information that he had heard second hand regarding limits being placed on guardianship. Teresa explained that Michigan is being criticized for the number of guardianships that are in place. There are alternatives that can be utilized vs. full blown guardianships. She explained the history of why guardians are utilized for consumers.

Guardian thanked staff for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:
Laura Marentette