HCBS Finders
Legislation

- Enacted by Minnesota State Legislature in 2013 (256B.439):
  (Subd. 3b.) **HCBS Report Card in cooperation with the commissioner of health**: The commissioner shall work with existing DHS advisory groups to develop recommendations for a HCBS Report Card. Health and human services staff that regulate home and community-based services as provided in chapter 245D and licensed home care in chapter 144A shall be consulted.

  The advisory groups shall consider the requirements from the Minnesota consumer information guide under section 144G.06 as a base for development of the home and community-based services report card to compare the housing options available to consumers.
Overview

• Report Card → Finder?
  o Report Card: A grade or ranking applied to a provider based on comprehensive data that measures quality
  o Finder: An online questionnaire to “find” the right provider based on features important to the consumer, caregiver, professional

• Located in MinnesotaHelp.info
  o Neutral location
  o Existing online database mandated in MN statute
    • 256.975, Subd.7
  o Dedicated staff to manage resource database
Project Outline

• Phased approach planned
  o Phase I: Three finders launched in July 2015
    • Housing with services
      • includes assisted living, does not include homeless shelters
    • Supported employment services
    • Independent living services
  o Phase II & On:
    • Caregiver Supports, Assistive Technology, Adult Foster Care, and eventually all other HCBS services

• Research & Analysis
  o Feature analysis
  o Literature review
Project Outline

• Stakeholder engagement
  o Involvement of Care Providers, LeadingAge, Arc, Advocating Change Together and other HCBS providers
  o Initial stakeholder input meetings: Alexandria & St. Paul
  o 12 Focus groups:
    • Adults (various ages, using and not using HCBS), caregivers and guardians
    • 146 Total participants
      • 59 Participants = Supported employment, independent living skills
      • 89 Participants = assisted living

• Road Shows throughout the state
Project Outcomes

• See Overview and Handout documents for focus group outcomes

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  o Housing with services
    • Includes assisted living, does not include homeless shelters
  o Supported employment services
  o Independent living services
Assisted Living Services
Housing, nursing care, housekeeping and prepared meals as needed for seniors or persons with disabilities

Preference Topics
1. Payment
   - I need help paying for rent or services
   - I am receiving Medical Assistance for home and community services
   - I am paying on my own
   - I am paying with long term care insurance

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