



ADRC Comments

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The Arc-Dane County has been representing people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for over 67 years. We appreciate the opportunity to give thoughts and ideas to the ADRC at the occasion of the May 15, 2017 hearing. This written testimony is prepared for you to consider as you move ahead with the implementation of Family Care in Dane County.

The ARDC has become a valued resource helping to guide Arc members through the maze of services and opportunities that support reasoned decisions about their educational, health care, social service, employment and transportation needs. With the help of the ARDC, our members have been able to live constructive, independent lives in the community. This is why we ask for staff training and a transparent process. So that the ARDC can continue in this valued roll as we move to Family Care in Dane County.

First, please announce your plans to implement Family Care. Specifically, we would like to know how you plan to staff the transition, how you plan to train staff and how you plan to measure success of the initial meetings.

Secondly, we believe it is imperative to know the process and outcome of the initial meetings with people with IDD and their families as they transition from the current service to FamilyCare/IRIS.

Thirdly, one of the benefits of Family Care seems to be the elimination of waiting lists. We would like to see our ADRC take the lead in providing information to people in the three groups regarding their status, your plans to resolve their situations and options they may have. The three groups that we are requesting the ADRC to assist include:

1. Those on a residential waiting list
2. High School Graduates in the classes of 2018, 2019 and 2020
3. Those identified as eligible but receive no services.

Thank you,
Ken Hobbs,
President of the Board
The Arc Dane County