

i2i Center Launches First Collaborative on Value-Based Payment Structures

i2i is getting its first collaborative underway. As part of the i2i Center mission and vision, collaboratives are a mechanism to bring together various perspectives on a policy issue within the public physical, behavioral and intellectual-development disability service system. Each collaborative is established to work through and develop recommendations to implement or strengthen processes and policies related to significant issues impacting the system. In keeping with the i2i Center mission, all of the collaboratives will be grounded in the principles of whole person care.

“We are very excited to start the core work of the i2i Center just six months following the launch of the organization. Each collaborative will bring a group of subject matter experts together to address a topic that is critical to the success of integrated care, either as a matter of policy, business practice, or service implementation,” said Mary Hooper, i2i Executive Director.

The topic of this first collaborative is Value-Based Contract and Payment Structures. Value-Based Payment (VBP) models are structured to focus on both cost and quality of care. This collaborative will address both the structures needed to expand efforts in value-based contracting/payments and current business processes. The State’s vision is to infuse the public system with value-based contracts and payments and follow the national trend. In support of this vision, Dave Richard, Deputy Secretary for Medical Assistance will participate at the first collaborative meeting and offer the state’s views on VBP in our system. The collaborative will consider this vision in developing its recommendations.

As you may know, there has already been some work on value-based contracts and payments under the Medicaid 1915(b)(c) waivers for MH/I-DD/SUD services. According to a survey conducted by the i2i Center, there are current business process issues that interfere with the ability to move forward and expand the use of value-based contracts.

The expected outcomes of the collaborative are:

- A better understanding of each stakeholder’s perspective (i.e. opportunities, concerns, incentive and financial structures needed) in the value-based contracting and payment process;
- Recommendations for changes in existing business processes to create an infrastructure that supports the use of value-based contracting and payments in BH/I-DD public services;
- Recommendations on the structures required to ensure that providers and State and local funders can further implement value-based contracts and payments.

i2i Center has already identified the members of this business-focused collaborative covering the provider, local funder, and State perspectives. The first meeting is on June 4th. You can follow the work of the VBP Collaborative through the [i2i Center website](#).