

Questions that needs to be answered about the Agency with Choice update by Jane-ellen Weidanz.

From Page 7:

How exactly is the individual's autonomy maximized?

How exactly will the individual be helped to:

- Select and train the DSW?
- Coordinate DSW schedule and responsibilities?
- Maintain a safe workplace for DSW?

How exactly will the individual be assisted with planned DSW absences? What about unplanned absences? Which are more important!

Why is it necessary to create and maintain an advisory board when the OHCC exists already?

From Page 8:

As it stands, all care providers have to have training now, so DSWs being trained is not something new. What point are you trying to make?

How exactly will DSWs be involved in the decisions you listed? Will they be paid for that time? Wouldn't those funds be better utilized to provide care?

How exactly will the impact of the loss of pay and work hours for DSWs be minimized when the consumer no longer needs them? Isn't that what unemployment does?

How exactly will the DSW's role be enhanced as members of an individual's care team?

To what exact support coordination and services will DSWs be ensured to have access?

From Page 9:

How exactly will time capture compliance be ensured? What exactly will the AWC do that isn't being done now?

What exactly will the quality assurance system do? What exactly will the performance improvement plans improve?

From Page 10:

If the DSW wages and benefits must be at least equal to those of homecare workers, then considering the agencies won't perform this service for free, how does this not cost DHS more money to provide the same level of care? Please provide a cost benefit analysis.

How exactly will the agency be allowed to minimize lost wages and hours for DSWs?

What I see is a 12 page sales pitch rather than an actual plan of action that shows real savings and/or actual benefits.