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Disability Rights New Mexico

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Primary DRNM Focus Areas

Institutional care, promoting home- and community-based services

Medicaid services

Special Education

Vocational Rehabilitation

Adult guardianship

Employment discrimination

Voting rights

Access – housing, structural, services, etc.

A few recent examples of DRNM collaborations with the Legislature

Civil Legal Services funding

Closed captioning for committee hearings

2023 SB-425 after filing of *DRNM v. NM Corr. Dept.*

Main Topics for Today

Boarding home licensure

**Funding for the Developmental
Disabilities Waiver (DDW)**

**Managed Care Organization
oversight and responsiveness**

**Implementation of *Kevin S.*
Settlement**

Boarding Home licensure

- **Public Health Act: boarding homes “shall not be operated without a license”**
- **2018 *DRNM v. NMDOH* order on *writ of mandamus***
- **7.8.4 NMAC finalized 2020**
 - **currently only 3 of over 100 boarding homes are licensed**

DDW funding

- **14+ year wait list eliminated, new wait list growing**
- **Recommendations for no pay increase for Direct Service Providers for Supported Living**
- **Huge gaps in provider capacity due to low DSP pay**
- **Needs:**
 - **1. Replace ARPA money**
 - **2. Fund new allocations**
 - **3. Increase DSP pay**

MCO oversight and responsiveness

- **Over 25,000 Community Benefit participants using home-based services**
- **HSD/HCA responsible to ensure that MCOs do not leave service gaps**
 - **Failing medically fragile children in *M.G. v. Scrase*, and in many other areas**

Kevin S. Settlement Implementation

- ***Kevin S.* lawsuit against HSD and CYFD to improve behavioral health services for children in foster care settled in February 2020**
- **HSD/CYFD failure to comply with Settlement Agreement obligations led to June 2023 Corrective Action Plan**
- **Parties and the Co-Neutrals continue to push for necessary improvements in CYFD, HSD, and MCOs**

Questions / Discussion

Thank you!



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