

## **Opportunity to provide input on state “Conflict of Interest Task Force”**

Below you will find links to a recent letter from the State of Colorado concerning a Task Force formed to make recommendations to address the potential conflict of interest inherent in having both Case Management and Direct Services being provided by MDS and other Community Centered Boards (CCBs). The letter also invites you to give input into that process. This controversy has plagued the developmental disabilities service system for over 40 years, and I sincerely hope that through this process we can finally put it to rest once and for all and get to work on more important business such as how we can eliminate the waiting list for the many thousands of people still waiting for services.

I believe that there is a possibility that in the future MDS and the other CCBs may no longer be allowed to provide both Case Management and Direct Services. Where those Case Management responsibilities would go (and which specific responsibilities may change) has yet to be determined, but they might be provided by county Depts. of Human Services, by the state, or by an outside third party. Whether you think separating Case Management from Direct Services is a good idea or a bad one, I encourage you to have your voice heard in this process. I personally believe that the positives of MDS providing both CM/SC and Direct Service *far* outweigh any potential negatives. This is your opportunity, however, to either agree or disagree with that opinion.

There are two ways your wishes can be made known:

### **Public Input videoconference**

Location: Grand Junction  
Date: Tuesday, June 1  
Time: 1:00-5:00

### **Provide written comments**

(Instructions are included in the state letter)

Written comments must be provided by **JUNE 1**

This is an important topic that and the potential decisions from this task force may shape the services for people with disabilities for decades to come. To provide you some context on the issues, MDS has many resources posted on our website: [www.mesadev.org](http://www.mesadev.org) and other materials are available at [www.alliancecolorado.org](http://www.alliancecolorado.org)

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important process and for your interest in services for people with developmental disabilities.

Sincerely,

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