

# Williams and Colbert Consent Decrees

Older Adults Services Advisory Council

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A brief summary

## Williams and Colbert Consent Decrees

- Both lawsuits alleged violations of the ADA and *Olmstead* Supreme Court Decision.
- Both settlements seek to provide Class Members with services in the **least restrictive and most integrated setting possible.**

# Williams Consent Decree

- Consent Decree entered in 2010
- Parties agreed that:
  - All persons with SMI in SMHRFs have the right to choose to live in community-based settings;
  - No individual with an SMI who is determined to be able to live in a community-based setting shall be admitted to a LTC facility before first being offered community-based services; and
  - The State has an obligation to expand the community-based service system to support Class Members' needs.

# Colbert Consent Decree

- Consent Decree entered in 2011
- Parties agreed that the State defendants:
  - Inform Class Members regarding their eligibility for community-based services;
  - Provide comprehensive evaluations to determine Class Member eligibility for community-based services;
  - Provide, as appropriate, Class Members with housing, services and supports in a community-based setting.

# Williams and Colbert Consent Decrees

## Williams Class Members Defined:

- Illinois resident (state-wide);
- 18 years of age or older;
- Have a mental illness;
- Are institutionalized in a SMHRF; and
- Are able to live in the community with specialized supports and services.

~4,000 Class Members  
23 SMHRFs state-wide

## Colbert Class Members Defined:

- Cook County resident;
- 18 years of age or older;
- Have a disability;
- Reside in a SNF (in Cook County);
- Are able to live in the community with appropriate supports and services; and
- Medicaid eligible.

~18,900 Class Members  
190+ Cook County Nursing Facilities  
\*Exclusionary Criteria

# Williams and Colbert Consent Decrees

- Required activities (high-level) = outreach, evaluation, service planning, transitions, and reporting.
- Required activities (in the weeds) = Implementation Plan.
  - FY22 IP contains 100+ separate strategies.
  - Each strategy has an action, performance metric, expected outcome, and due date.
- Required activity (Williams only) = Front Door

# 2020-2021 Updates



# Restructuring of Service Delivery

## Comprehensive Class Member Transition Program (CCMTP)

- Started February 2020. Ends June 2022.
- Combined operations of Williams and Colbert Consent Decree
- Pilot with goals of:
  - Streamline and standardize processes across both Williams and Colbert Consent Decrees.
  - Improve service quality.
  - Heighten the State's compliance with and performance under the Implementation Plans and Consent Decrees.

# Restructuring of Service Delivery

## CCMTP General Requirements

One provider will provide “soup to nuts” services:

- Outreach
- Assessment
- Service Plan
- Transition
- Housing
- Post-transition follow-up for 18 months

Transition Targets:

- Williams = 400 Class Members for FY22
- Colbert = 450 Class Members for FY22

# Restructuring of Service Delivery

## CCMTP Providers

### ➤ 13 “Prime Agency” Providers

Age Options

Cornerstone

Grand Prairie Services

HRDI

Kenneth Young Center

Sertoma

Thresholds

Association House

Envision

Heritage Behavioral

Human Services Center Peoria

LSSI

Trilogy

# Restructuring of Service Delivery

## CCMTP Partners

- UIC-CON
  - Day to day oversight of Primes
  - Data and Reporting
  - Quality Monitoring
  - Training
- Bridge Subsidy Administrators (IACCA, HACC, CC)
- NAMI (Peer Ambassador Program and In Home Recovery Support)
- Other State Agencies & their partners

# Helpful Resources

## IDHS Olmstead Consent Decrees:

- <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=98210>

## CCMTP Contacts and Resources:

- <https://colbert-williams.nursing.uic.edu/forms-policies/contacts/>
- Includes Prime facility assignments, Prime contact information

## CCMTP Trainings, Policies, Forms:

- <https://colbert-williams.nursing.uic.edu/>

## HFS Community Transitions Initiative:

- <https://colbert-williams.nursing.uic.edu/community-transitions-initiative/>

