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To: DD Task Force Members

From: Leslie G. Smith, Chair, DD Council

Things I believe we agree on:

1. Restore case managers for No Paid Services Caseload: perhaps increase ratios
2. Forecasting DD caseload growth
3. FHMC Property into the Dan Thompson Trust
4. Change language to allow *sale* of surplus property
5. Section 7 of 5459

Additional Recommendations

1. Further consolidation of RHC's in Western Washington with three to five years to plan and ensure appropriate placement of current residents and staff and increase community capacity.
2. Further increase capacity in supported living, crisis, and SOLA as proposed by the Governor. Expansion to include small ICF/ID and companion homes across the state. These increases need to include provisions of living wages to direct support professionals.
3. A more robust QA system for DD services; these have been lost over time to "administrative cuts". Equalized processes for institutional and community oversight: same certification processes, timelines, etc.
4. Increase information and outreach capacity of the system
5. A thorough review of the 14,000 people on the no paid services caseload; ensure people entitled to MPC are informed and receive this service if desired.
6. Increase in respite, employment and day programs, and crisis supports to families