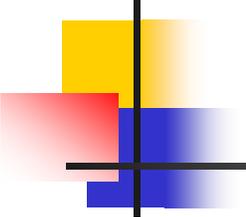


Implementation of E2SHB 1290 Expedited Medical Determinations

**Presentation to the Joint Legislative
and Executive Task Force on Mental
Health Services and Financing**

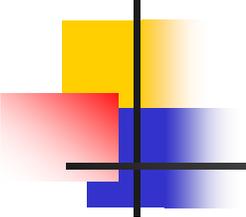
**Deborah Marley, Assistant Secretary
Economic Services Administration
Washington State Department of Social
and Health Services**

October 18, 2005



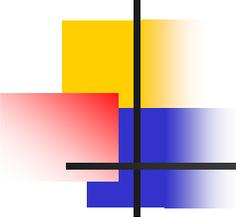
Key Requirements

- **DSHS rules and policies that require expedited eligibility determinations and timely access to medical assistance by persons with mental disorders being released from confinement**
- **Collaboration with WASPC, DOC, RSNs and SSA to develop procedures and processes for coordination**



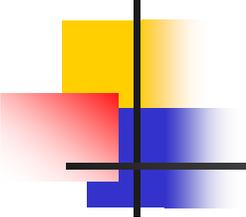
Budget

- **Up to \$418,000 GF-S for each year of 2005-07 biennium – for CSO staff to work with prisons, local jails and IMDs**
- **Additional funding to RSNs to facilitate access by mentally ill offenders to medical assistance upon release from jails**
- **Governor has directed DSHS to phase in new procedures and evaluate funding needs for statewide implementation**



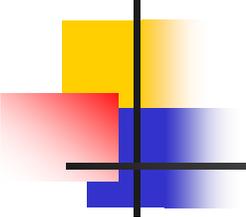
Best Practices

- **Early discharge/pre-release planning, including effective screening and assessments**
- **Formal agreements in place**
- **Dedicated eligibility staff for applications, may be outstationed**
- **Time for all parties to build relationships and learn each other's service populations and service delivery operations/processes**



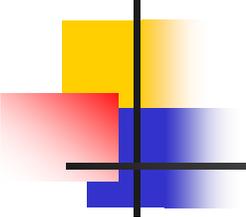
Planning Process & Timeline

- **Expedited Medical Determinations Steering Committee – 15 members, with representatives from DSHS, WASPC, DOC, RSNs, IMDs, SSA**
- **Cross-agency Work Group**
- **Goal: Implementation Plan by November 15**
- **Target Date: Start-up in selected sites in January 2006; phase-in other sites as resources allow**



Planning Work Underway

- **WAC changes to require coordination and expedited medical determinations for persons being released from confinement**
- **Developing interagency agreements to formalize cooperative efforts at the local level**
- **Local/regional planning to identify: (1) initial implementation sites, and (2) any areas where expedited medical determinations can be done without additional resources**



Planning Work Underway (cont'd)

- **Identifying IT changes needed to capture data on confined persons being served and approved for expedited medical**
- **Developing a guide for jails, prisons and IMDS on medical, cash and food assistance programs that confined persons may be eligible for upon release, and information needed to determine eligibility**