

SPD Appendix B – Typical Clients who Receive Services from SPD

People with Developmental Disabilities

Marline

Marline is a 27-year-old with severe mental retardation and epileptic seizures that are controlled by medication. She is nonverbal and has a tendency towards aggressive behavior. She loves flowers and plants. She lived at Fairview for 22 years and has had no contact with her family since shortly after she was admitted. When Fairview closed, she moved into a home in the community with four other women she knew at Fairview. With help of a job coach, she now works part time at a local nursery. This employment opportunity is entirely dependent on the availability of the job coach, who works for a nonprofit agency funded by DHS.

Joe

Joe is a 47-year-old man with moderate mental retardation. He has Downs syndrome and a complicated seizure disorder which requires medication. He has significant dental problems because the seizure medication weakens tooth enamel. He was placed at Fairview when he was 3-years-old. His parents are elderly but continue to maintain sporadic contact with him.

Joe has lived in a community group home with ten other men for the last 15 years. He has close relationships with several residents and staff who have been in the home for many years. He has worked part time at a sheltered workshop for the last 10 years. He earns about \$175 per month from his job and pays \$110 per month towards the cost of his residential care from these earnings. The employment program has done much to improve his employment and social skills. It is a primary source of self-esteem.

Behavior problems have diminished significantly. Joe's residential program and employment program are both funded by DHS.

Ellen

Ellen is a 24-year-old woman with moderate mental retardation. She has a metabolic disorder that interferes with her body's ability to process food and recurring problems with her heart and a pacemaker that was installed when she was a child. She has lived at home with her family her entire life. Ellen works part-time in a job she obtained through employment services funded by DHS.

Ellen's circumstances changed abruptly last summer when her mother died. Her mother had been her primary care provider because her father is a commercial fisherman and must be gone for weeks at a time. Her father has made arrangements for Ellen to live with a friend while he is away. With the help of a Support Service Brokerage, Ellen's father has been able to hire someone to assist Ellen with her personal care, special diet and transportation needs. Ellen maintains her job through mostly volunteer efforts of a family friend and coworkers. The Support Service Brokerage is a nonprofit agency recently established to provide services as part of the Staley Settlement Agreement.

Seniors

Irene

Irene is an 86-year-old woman who weighs only 85 pounds and has a poor appetite. She needs assistance with her eating and meal preparation, laundry, housekeeping, medication management and bathing. She also needs assistance with her memory, orientation, judgment and adaptation to change. Irene lives in an assisted living facility that provides her with the constant cuing and encouragement she needs to perform all of her activities of daily

living, which includes taking her medication. Irene's care is funded by DHS.

Mabel

Mabel is 72-year-old woman who is physically limited and uses a lift chair, walker and wheel chair for longer distances. She has leg spasms and swelling, arthritis, asthma and hammer toes. She's dependent in bathing and needs assistance with her mobility. Mabel receives care in her own home by a caregiver paid through DHS's client-employed-services. This care enables Mabel to remain as independent as possible as it provides her with the assistance she needs to remain in her own home. If she did not receive the care in her home, she would require care in a more restrictive and costly care setting.

Adults with Physical Disabilities

Jack

Jack is a 51-year-old man who has a medical diagnosis of spinal cord injury resulting in quadriplegia. Jack lives in an adult foster home whose caregivers assist him in eating, bathing and personal hygiene, bowel and bladder needs, mobility and memory. Jack is confined to a wheelchair, requires hooyer lift assistance with transferring from bed to wheelchair and visa versa. Although Jack has quadriplegia, he has very limited use of his hands and arms. As a result, the foster care provider assists him with a daily physical therapy routine. He receives assistance with the coordination of and assistance to and from his medical appointments. The foster home further provides meals and social activities. Jack has no support system (family/friends) in the area that would be able to take care of him. The services Jack receives from the adult foster home provider are funded by DHS.

Patty

Patty is a 34-year-old woman who is diagnosed with a stroke, brain aneurysms and grand mal seizures. She requires minimal assistance with dressing and grooming with substantial assistance in bathing/personal hygiene, bowel/bladder functioning, mobility and memory. Patty benefits from in-home services through assistance from her care provider funded by DHS's Homecare Worker (HCW) program. The HCW assists her with general grooming, dressing, bathing and personal hygiene. The provider helps her get in and out of the tub. Issues with incontinence are sporadic, thus needing the assistance of a care provider. She is very forgetful, and needs constant reminding to take medications. If Patty leaves her home alone, it is quite likely she would get lost and be unable to find her way back home. Patty can also be a danger to herself. She has severely burned herself while using the stove as she experienced a seizure while cooking. Prior to the involvement of the care provider, Patty frequently forgot to turn off the stove as well. Although Patty can walk, her gait is very unsteady and she falls quite often. She has her mother and sister who live nearby, but are unable to provide the continued care she needs.