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Subject: Fwd: Retaliation in Kansas

Below is the message I sent to HHS and DOJ this morning. I understand that some of you have received your draft audit reports asking for enormous amounts in recoupments for Medicaid, base funding and fee for service contracts. I'd like to share this information with DOJ & HHS to again demonstrate the direct retaliation against CILs. Those of you that have received these audit reports, can you please provide the specific amounts and how the amounts were calculated for;

- Medicaid amounts
- Base funding amounts
- Fee for services amounts

Thanks for your help! I can only imagine how weary you all are at fighting this constant battle with FMS, EVV, CIL RFPs and now the audits....please hang on..we must continue the FIGHT TOGETHER!!!

Shannon

Sent: Thu, Jan 26, 2012 6:52 am

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As you know Kansas advocates have filed over 600 Olmstead complaints with OCR/HHS and DOJ over the past two years in conjunction with the statewide network of Centers for Independent Living, CILs. While we wait for justice to be delivered in Kansas, the assault on the poor continues and in many cases specifically targeted at CILs. These are just a few examples;

- After 30 years of building a solid network of 12 CILs, Kansas is now competing ALL CIL grants, violating our State Plan for Independent Living
- Implementation of new FMS system has dramatically reduced rates to CILs, from approximately \$220/member/mo to \$115/member/month. The rate was determined by the state without any input from providers.
- Implementation of Electronic Visitor Verification has placed additional burden upon the CILs
- Our self direction statute continues to be chipped away causing great harm to our customers and Kansas citizens
- The Gov FY 2013 budget further reduces the HCBS/physically disabled waiver to \$118 M, a reduction of \$22 M from FY 2010 when the HCBS/PD budget was \$140M. Meanwhile, the waiting lists continues to grow to over 3,300 persons. There is absolutely NO provision in the Gov 2013 that address' the ever growing waiting lists.
- The Gov newly proposed tax plan will eliminate approximately \$90 M in Earned Income Tax credits (EITC) for the working poor.

Advocates in Kansas are very disappointed with HHS and DOJ lack of action.
Advocates in Kansas are getting very impatient and wonder when the retaliation will
STOP and the assault on the poor will end.

Waiting For Justice in Kansas

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