

W. Edwards Deming, the guru of quality service said, “What we need to do is learn to work in the system, by which I mean that everybody, every team, every platform, every division, every component is there not for individual competitive profit or recognition, but for contribution to the system as a whole on a win-win basis.” Led by support of the governor and key executive and legislative leaders, this project has brought together a wide range of state agency and community organization leaders, and stakeholders in developing the Opportunities for Living Life Advisory Council () and Money Follows the Person Committee to oversee the design, development and deployment of the Oklahoma Long-Term Living Choice Project. Each partner in this project agreed that the goal was not to benefit any one agency, but to generate funds that would benefit citizens through out Oklahoma. Further, each partner provided direct writing, technical assistance, or verbal input for the components of this project which are focused on transitioning to provide a better balance of Oklahoma’s long-term care system.

Throughout this document Oklahoma addresses barriers to community living and proposed transitional reform through innovative pilot projects designed to be fully implemented at the end of the five year grant cycle. The Total Annual Budget request of \$52,241,801 will allow expansion of ongoing projects, and improvement of community integrated services by bringing agencies and organizations into a continuous collaborative framework to collectively achieve the goals designed to:

- Increase the use of home and community-based, rather than institutional services
- Eliminate barriers that prevent or restrict the flexible use of Medicaid funds
- Increase Choice and Control for the Self Directed Service Delivery System
- Assure continued provision of home and community-based long-term care services to eligible individuals who choose to transition from an institution to a community setting
- Provide for continuous quality assurance and quality improvement of services for those receiving Medicaid home and community-based long-term care services
- Long-term Supports Coordinated with Affordable and Accessible Housing

Ultimately, OLLAC will have developed a seamless infrastructure that readily affords individuals the opportunity to elect appropriate medical and social services in an environment of their choosing; thus, increasing the use of home and community-based, rather than institutional, long-term care services. Moreover, state agencies and community partners will have developed a paradigm wherein communication is effective, resources are shared, and care is person centered.

The application represents a collaborative partnership among the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Aging Services Division (DHS), Development Disabilities Services Division (DHS), Oklahoma Department of Health, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oklahoma Development Disabilities Council, Oklahoma City Housing Authority, Oklahoma Finance Agency, Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma Statewide Independent Living Council, Progressive Independence, NAMI Oklahoma, Areawide

Aging Agency, Long-Term Care Authority (Tulsa), and the Olmstead Committee. The outcome, once funded, means true systemic reform.