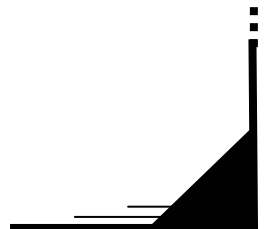


APPENDIX (J)

**Guiding Principles
Used During Development**



GUIDING PRINCIPLES USED DURING DEVELOPMENT

1. The process must be consistent with providing reasonable assurances or safeguards regarding the health and safety of individuals participating;
2. All individuals/guardians will be able to participate in self-determination, to the degree they choose;
3. Individuals/guardians participating in the self-determination process will have their choice of state approved fiscal intermediaries;
4. Where appropriate, family members can be paid to provide services and supports;
5. Individuals/guardians should be supported to do long-term resource planning;
6. Individuals/guardians are expected to be cost effective and will not be penalized for underutilizing their resource through no fault of their own;
7. Systemically, there will be a means to manage fluctuations in service level needs and emergencies at the local level;
8. Self-determination will be available to the extent possible/desired in all programs;
9. Once a self-determination process has been finalized, materials will be developed to enhance the consistency and understanding of the developmental disabilities system;
10. Training will be provided to individuals, guardians, families, community centered boards, providers and advocates;
11. The responsibilities of all parties participating in self-determination will be explained, acknowledged and formalized;
12. CCBs will continue to be the single entry point for the developmental disabilities system;
13. DDD will retain the overall responsibility for fiscal and Program Quality reviews;
14. DDD will solicit ongoing input from its constituency regarding the implementation and effectiveness of the self-determination process;
15. Key definitions of self-determination terminology will be established;
16. A consistent, statewide system of “transparency” will be developed;
17. Community contribution will be an integral component of the self-determination process;
18. Informed choice is a central theme to self-determination;
19. DDD will implement the self-determination process in a thoughtful and reasonable manner to enhance its success systemically;
20. The self-determination process must be consistent with Core Values of the Department of Human Services and the Division for Developmental Disabilities; and
21. The self-determination process must be consistent with Medicaid requirements.