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Subject: RE: Policy & Procedures Question

Lynda,

Certainly. I will check to make sure the wording is still there. I will be in touch.

Tony

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Tony,

We are still having some issues with Mental Health and the clients that keep being referred to us. Most of them are in sort of a "foster care" arrangement where someone is being paid to provide the client with housing, meals, & supervision. In addition, we now have an assisted living, Brook Pine in Gaston, that serves mental health clients who is trying to have some of their folks attend the senior centers.

I have requested a meeting with the Director of Lexington Mental Health and any other appropriate staff.

In addition to priority scores and appropriateness of the referral, this appears to be funding double dipping as someone is already being paid to provide the noon meal, supervision and activities. In this kind of a situation, usually with an assisted living, we tell them that we cannot use our funding to finance services for their residents. We will allow a person who meets all the other criteria for attending the Center to come IF the facility (not the client) pays for them as a private pay client. So far, no facility has wanted to do that.

In the current 2009 Manual of Policies and Procedures, page 7 of Section 500, Part A: Eligibility & Determination of Need for Congregate Nutrition Services it says, "Unless a waiver is approved by the SUA, meals shall not be provided to persons who are currently enrolled in a care-giving facility or a day program that requires provision of meals." We are referring to this in our discussions with Mental Health and Brook Pine. Can you tell me whether or not this provision has remained in the new Policies and Procedures Manual? If not, can it be reinserted? We use this to back up our position/policy for turning down assisted living clients.

I will let you know how my meeting goes with Mental Health.

Thanks for your help,

Lynda

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