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Step Four: Answer the Following

Question 2 asks, “All required Provider and Professional reports received and reviewed?”

- Here you will answer “Yes” or “No” as to whether you received and reviewed all the reports.
- If “No,” answer the sub question, “Which reports were not received? And what steps have been taken to remedy?”
 - Here you will detail all actions you have taken up to this point to obtain the report, such as problem resolution emails or making calls to the professional/provider.
 - You will document all efforts here. You will add a contact note addressing and reporting your conversations and agreements.
 - Remember to document when the missing report has been received.

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Question 3 asks, “Of the Provider Reports received and reviewed, were correct and current Outcomes reported on?”

Here you will address answer “Yes” or “No.”

- Make sure to review the outcomes within the IP.
- Determine whether the correct outcomes are being reported on.
- If “No,” respond to the following prompt: “Indicate which provider reports were incorrect and what steps have been taken to remedy.”
 - Describe what steps of the problem resolution process you have completed, including giving deadlines, sending emails, calling providers, etc.

COMPLETING A QUARTERLY REPORT

Step Five: Complete the Final Portion of the Quarterly Report

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Yes No

If No, provide a detailed description of the issues identified, plan of action, and follow-up conducted:

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- It is important to read the provider report data to determine if a person is making or maintained progress, has regressed on progress, or has refused to work on an outcome or action step.
- This question is extremely vital to answer as it documents the monitoring of the outcomes.

First, answer “Yes” or “No.”

- Then, if “No,” you will provide a detailed description of the issues identified, plan of action, and follow-up conducted.

We must always document the reason when the person has made no progress on their outcome.

EXAMPLES OF COMPLETING QUARTERLY REPORTS

Example One

The outcome states that: Brent will participate in community activities 2 times per week.

- We document in question 4 that the provider's report states that "Brent was sick for most of the month and in the hospital. He didn't feel up to going into the community."
- Next, we document what is being done to remedy this: "As Brent is recovering health and stamina, he will begin going back to community activities this month. He will begin with attending 1 per week and increasing to 2 per week as health improves."

Example Two

The outcome states that: Ava will complete her range-of-motion program at least 5 out of 7 days per week.


- We document on question 4 that the provider's report states that "Ava did not complete her range-of-motion program due to staff turnover; current (new) staff have not yet been trained on her program."
- "Case Manager reached out to physical therapy, who has already scheduled a training for new staff next week."

PROVIDER REPORTS

The screenshot shows a web application interface for creating a new contact. The title bar reads 'Contact Details (New)'. Below the title bar are three tabs: 'Details', 'Note', and 'Users'. The 'Note' tab is selected. To the right of the tabs are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons. Below the tabs, a 'Note:' label is followed by the text 'Template: Provider Reports'. The main text area contains the following text: 'Provider progress report received and reviewed for quarter (Quarter 1, Quarter 2, Quarter 3 or Quarter 4):', 'Follow-up required: Yes No', and 'If "Yes", provide a detailed description of the issues identified, plan of action, and follow-up conducted:'. The text area has a rich text editor toolbar with icons for Bold (B), Italic (I), Underline (U), Undo, Redo, and a checkmark icon.

Documenting Receiving

- The Provider Report template is used to document the receipt and review of the quarterly progress report from the provider.
- Use TCM Code: M - Review providers' progress notes & determine if services continue to meet the individual's needs.
- Provider reports are due to the CM by the 10th of the quarterly month.



**DOES THE IP ADDRESS ALL
THE SERVICE RECIPIENT'S
NEEDS AS IDENTIFIED IN
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HOW WE CAN GROW



- Best practice is to answer every question with a “Yes,” “No,” or “Not at this time” before moving on to the next question or going into further detail to answer the current question.
- Check to make sure the numbers remain accurate to the questions answered, as sometimes pasting into the IP will alter the number style.
- Make sure to review and reference the professional assessments while writing the IP draft.
- The IP should be written in 3rd person unless you are quoting the individual.

VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE

What Does This Mean?

- Don't we all have a vision of the future for ourselves?
- What does your perfect day look like?
- Ask these questions to get good answers:
 - What does your best day look like? Who is it with? Where is it at?
 - What would be your dream job?
 - If you could do a community activity of your choice each week, what would it be?
- During the wrap of the PCA (which is completed prior to the IP draft), you may wish to begin this conversation based upon the PCA responses.

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The vision statement will typically address such life areas as:

- Where the individual wants to live and with whom
- What type of job they would like
- What personal relationships they desire to develop or strengthen and how they will be supported
- How the individual wants to spend their leisure time

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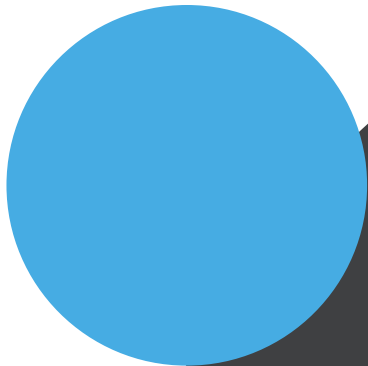
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When struggling with the Vision for the Future, the Important To, or the Important For, take this opportunity to request a Person-Centered Facilitator. The form is in CCM Documents – Read Only.

You will create and complete the form and send to Cindy Leishman. She will assign a Person-Centered Facilitator, and a meeting will be arranged to complete a full PCA. *This is super fun and should not be called a meeting; it should be called a party!*



VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE BREAKOUT ACTIVITY



ACTIVITY PROMPTS

For the Interviewer

- “What’s something you’d really like to do or learn in the next year?”
- “Tell me about a great day you’ve had recently.”
- “Who are the people you enjoy spending time with?”
- “What helps you feel safe and comfortable in your community?”

For the Observer

- What went well in the interview?
- Were the questions person-centered?
- Did the interviewer draw out meaningful insights?
- Suggestions for improvement?

GROUP ACTIVITY DEBRIEF

- What surprised you?
- What did you find challenging?
- How did it feel to be in the “individual” role?
- What will you do differently in your real interviews?



SESSION CLOSE OUT

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?



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- Here you will answer “Yes” or “No” as to whether you received and reviewed all the reports.
- If “No,” answer the sub question, “Which reports were not received? And what steps have been taken to remedy?”
 - Here you will detail all actions you have taken up to this point to obtain the report, such as problem resolution emails or making calls to the professional/provider.
 - You will document all efforts here. You will add a contact note addressing and reporting your conversations and agreements.
 - Remember to document when the missing report has been received.

COMPLETING A QUARTERLY REPORT

Step Four: Answer the Following

Question 3 asks, “Of the Provider Reports received and reviewed, were correct and current Outcomes reported on?”

Here you will address answer “Yes” or “No.”

- Make sure to review the outcomes within the IP.
- Determine whether the correct outcomes are being reported on.
- If “No,” respond to the following prompt: “Indicate which provider reports were incorrect and what steps have been taken to remedy.”
 - Describe what steps of the problem resolution process you have completed, including giving deadlines, sending emails, calling providers, etc.

COMPLETING A QUARTERLY REPORT

Step Five: Complete the Final Portion of the Quarterly Report

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Details Note Users

Note: Template: Q-Report

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3. *Of the Provider Reports received and reviewed, were correct and current Outcomes reported on?*

Yes No

If No, indicate which provider reports were incorrect *and what steps have been taken to remedy?*

4. *Are all services being implemented according to the current IP and Is progress/maintenance being made on ALL outcomes according to the information received?*

Yes No

If No, provide a detailed description of the issues identified, plan of action, and follow-up conducted:

COMPLETING A QUARTERLY REPORT

Question 4 asks, “Are all services being implemented according to the current IP and is progress/maintenance being made on ALL outcomes according to the information received?”

- It is important to read the provider report data to determine if a person is making or maintained progress, has regressed on progress, or has refused to work on an outcome or action step.
- This question is extremely vital to answer as it documents the monitoring of the outcomes.

First, answer “Yes” or “No.”

- Then, if “No,” you will provide a detailed description of the issues identified, plan of action, and follow-up conducted.

We must always document the reason when the person has made no progress on their outcome.

EXAMPLES OF COMPLETING QUARTERLY REPORTS

Example One

The outcome states that: Brent will participate in community activities 2 times per week.

- We document in question 4 that the provider's report states that "Brent was sick for most of the month and in the hospital. He didn't feel up to going into the community."
- Next, we document what is being done to remedy this: "As Brent is recovering health and stamina, he will begin going back to community activities this month. He will begin with attending 1 per week and increasing to 2 per week as health improves."

Example Two

The outcome states that: Ava will complete her range-of-motion program at least 5 out of 7 days per week.


- We document on question 4 that the provider's report states that "Ava did not complete her range-of-motion program due to staff turnover; current (new) staff have not yet been trained on her program."
- "Case Manager reached out to physical therapy, who has already scheduled a training for new staff next week."

PROVIDER REPORTS

The screenshot shows a web application interface for creating a new contact. The title bar reads 'Contact Details (New)'. Below the title bar are three tabs: 'Details', 'Note', and 'Users'. The 'Note' tab is selected. To the right of the tabs are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons. Below the tabs, a 'Note:' label is followed by the text 'Template: Provider Reports'. The main text area contains the following text: 'Provider progress report received and reviewed for quarter (Quarter 1, Quarter 2, Quarter 3 or Quarter 4):', 'Follow-up required: Yes No', and 'If "Yes", provide a detailed description of the issues identified, plan of action, and follow-up conducted:'. The text area has a rich text editor toolbar with icons for Bold (B), Italic (I), Underline (U), Undo, Redo, and a checkmark icon.

Documenting Receiving

- The Provider Report template is used to document the receipt and review of the quarterly progress report from the provider.
- Use TCM Code: M - Review providers' progress notes & determine if services continue to meet the individual's needs.
- Provider reports are due to the CM by the 10th of the quarterly month.



**DOES THE IP ADDRESS ALL
THE SERVICE RECIPIENT'S
NEEDS AS IDENTIFIED IN
THE ASSESSMENT?**



HOW WE CAN GROW



- Best practice is to answer every question with a “Yes,” “No,” or “Not at this time” before moving on to the next question or going into further detail to answer the current question.
- Check to make sure the numbers remain accurate to the questions answered, as sometimes pasting into the IP will alter the number style.
- Make sure to review and reference the professional assessments while writing the IP draft.
- The IP should be written in 3rd person unless you are quoting the individual.

VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE

What Does This Mean?

- Don't we all have a vision of the future for ourselves?
- What does your perfect day look like?
- Ask these questions to get good answers:
 - What does your best day look like? Who is it with? Where is it at?
 - What would be your dream job?
 - If you could do a community activity of your choice each week, what would it be?
- During the wrap of the PCA (which is completed prior to the IP draft), you may wish to begin this conversation based upon the PCA responses.

VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE



The vision statement will typically address such life areas as:

- Where the individual wants to live and with whom
- What type of job they would like
- What personal relationships they desire to develop or strengthen and how they will be supported
- How the individual wants to spend their leisure time

VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE

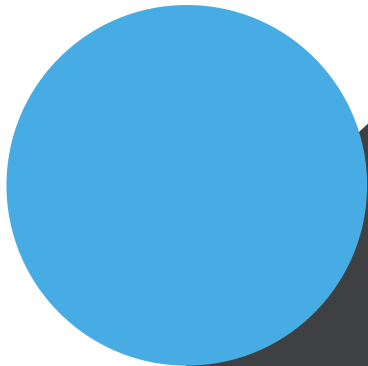
Use “I” statements in the vision only when you are quoting the actual statements made by the individual. Otherwise, use the person’s name. Be as specific and detailed as possible, so the vision “comes alive.”

When struggling with the Vision for the Future, the Important To, or the Important For, take this opportunity to request a Person-Centered Facilitator. The form is in CCM Documents – Read Only.

You will create and complete the form and send to Cindy Leishman. She will assign a Person-Centered Facilitator, and a meeting will be arranged to complete a full PCA. *This is super fun and should not be called a meeting; it should be called a party!*



VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE BREAKOUT ACTIVITY



ACTIVITY PROMPTS

For the Interviewer

- “What’s something you’d really like to do or learn in the next year?”
- “Tell me about a great day you’ve had recently.”
- “Who are the people you enjoy spending time with?”
- “What helps you feel safe and comfortable in your community?”

For the Observer

- What went well in the interview?
- Were the questions person-centered?
- Did the interviewer draw out meaningful insights?
- Suggestions for improvement?

GROUP ACTIVITY DEBRIEF

- What surprised you?
- What did you find challenging?
- How did it feel to be in the “individual” role?
- What will you do differently in your real interviews?



SESSION CLOSE OUT

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?



QUALITY ASSURANCE SOLUTIONS FOR DDS CASE MANAGERS



Lisa Brunson-Smith & Rachael Knight



Headshot Station



**RESERVE
YOUR SPOT**

No spots left? Stop by!
We'll fit you in for a walk-up.