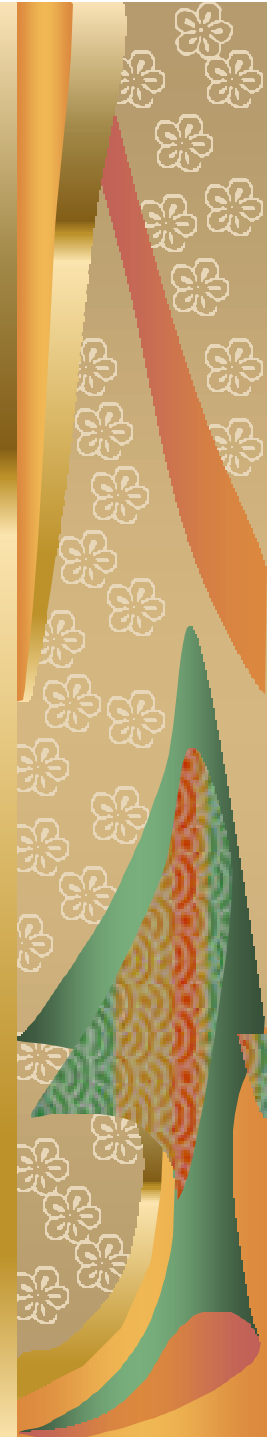


Supporting Valued Lives What Next?

Wrap Up Session
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What Are Some of the Things We've Learned in the Last Two Days?

- It's better to be in San Diego than under 2 feet of snow!
- To truly build consumer directed supports, we have to develop an intentional platform that includes information, mentoring, training, and imagination;
- Expanding employment opportunities requires setting priorities and measuring our progress



What Have We Learned, Continued

- Supporting participation is multi-faceted and means giving people the tools they need to be members of their communities
- Creating quality improvement systems requires collaboration, a framework, and the ability to communicate and apply information
- Housing continues to be one of our most important challenges
- Maintaining a stable and competent workforce is at the heart of quality
- As usual when CMS changes course we feel the waves



Going Forward

- Reach out to stakeholders at all levels
- Find ways to measure progress toward critical goals and share information – quality is not a state secret
- Build in the voices of people with disabilities and families at all levels
- Don't rest on your laurels
- Celebrate success but recognize threats
- Take a young person to lunch!



THANK YOU

