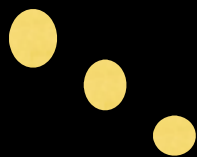


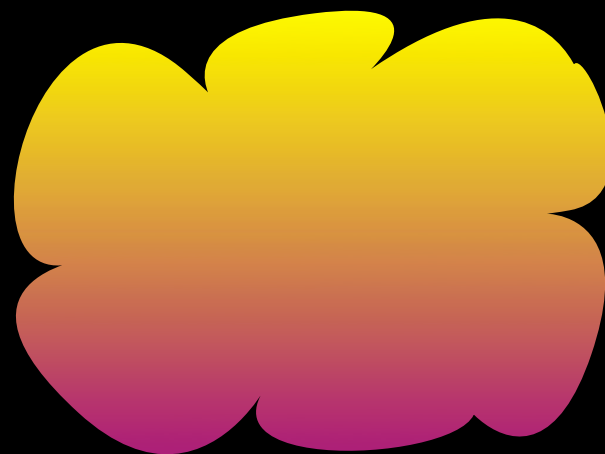
These slides are a first attempt to explain to DD system insiders (the more brightly colored party in the next slide) some common certainties among those who are in charge of “long term care reforms”.

My assumption is that reasonable discussion of reform will be difficult until it is possible to examine these certainties: something that those who hold them seem to feel little urgency to do.

Please review, review, or add to the list.



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“Choice” means “a continuum of services”



People with disabilities, their families, & those who serve them will do whatever they can to increase public expenditure on themselves.

The only way to deal with this is strong objective management.



There is no important difference
in the knowledge necessary to manage
services for people with DD & any other
group of service recipients (e.g. elders, prison
inmates, benefits recipients)

DD system managers are compromised in their effectiveness by...

...over-identification with the people they serve

...over-closeness with families

...over-closeness with providers

So, authority should move to more objective & more generalist managers



Bigger corporate providers are...

...better managed

...able to achieve economies of scale

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...easier to replace

Fewer contracts will reduce costs

So, fewer contracts with bigger providers
are better



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Individualized supports, unless very carefully
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person’s own place; a job for someone who
requires assistance).



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Individual supports must be carefully controlled

There will be much more scrutiny of
individualized services than of services
seen as less likely to stray from “needs”
only (& more politically influential)



Protecting people is best achieved by
compliance with procedures designed to
minimize liability

