Appendix 3j (formerly Appendix L)

Top 10 Themes Based on Number of Comments Received

Theme	Number of Commenters	% of Total Commenters (274)
4A - Supports Individuals being able to make choices for their own lives: where to live, with whom; Supports individuals' rights to having own bedroom/apartment /home.	116	42.3%
3A - Need to rebalance funding toward community-based services. Examples from comments: make planned increases in community services in balance with reduction in institutional care; share data regarding shifts in funding toward person-centered services; build capacity for and Customized Employment and use of Assistive Technology.	89	32.5%
2G2 - Need various kinds of employment as waiver services – Integrated, Customized, Competitive, Supported – for individuals of all functioning levels. Require competency-based certification for customized employment personnel. Need to be clearer in STP regarding how State plans to make more resources available to expand capacity.	81	29.6%
4B - Supports individuals being able to choose what sort of job/volunteering/day program they want to pursue, being able to choose where they work, hobbies, community events to attend.	71	25.9%
2C1 - Need more staffing, day and housing options to support people requiring customized arrangements, with staff trained to meet their unique needs. Examples from comments: availability of placements with wheelchair accessibility; services for persons across the autism spectrum; individuals leaving SODCs; flexible supports so individual can stay in place as needs/health change; individual support services for people with higher medical or behavioral needs; medical supports as needed, such as a person who needs suctioning or has a seizure disorder.	70	25.5%
3B - Make more affordable and accessible housing options available for community supported living rather than group homes.	63	23.0%
4D - Supports individuals living a full life, being members of a community based on natural connections through common interests, providing adaptations that allow for true inclusion in the community. Four commenters were not in favor of reverse integration, a term for when individuals from the community come onto the grounds of a setting to participate in services or activities.	61	22.3%
5A - Need real person-centered planning, real discovery about interests. Planning process for individuals participating in programs needs reviewed to ensure personal plan reflects necessary changes. Individuals need to be included in the planning and in meetings.	60	21.9%

4C - Supports individuals having control of personal resources, control over their own schedules, having more food choices; supports other general aspects of the HCBS settings rule requirements.	**57**	**20.8%**
9C - Need more funding for community integration services and inclusive community living: services; staffing levels sufficient to enable individualized choices and provide more individualized support; and increased reimbursement for transportation. A commenter recommended replacing the standard monthly maximum for transportation with a model that takes into account the hours of support being provided, the range of activities an individual is engaged in, etc.	**56**	**20.4%**