Thank you for letting me join you for this group discussion..

As you know from the email I sent out, I am working on a project called High Value Care for Kids. This project is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Foundation. RWJ wants to explore ways that Medicaid can support improved transition from pediatric to adult care and to consider other possible improvements in Medicaid funding for children and families.

**I. Welcome and Introductions.** (Name, where you are in transition process)

**II. Dianna reiterates the purpose and format for the group interview and solicits consent to audio record.**

**III. Ground rules:**

* Everything is confidential- “What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas”;
* OK to “pass” if asked a question and do not want to comment for any reason.
* Differences of opinions are great – help us learn more- there is often no right answer
* Watch “air time” so everyone has a turn to contribute.
* There may be times I have to change the subject or offer a new question to make sure we get the input we need. This could be a little frustrating, so please bear with me.
* We may not get to all of the questions I shared ahead of time, and there may be some new topics to discuss if something interesting comes up as we talk.
* Results will be anonymous, put together in grouped form, so no one will know who said what. I would like to bring your expertise to the RWJ planning group because you have the experience and advice that RWJ and this project needs.
* Any other ground rules to add?
* Any questions?

**IV. Please share your thoughts, experiences and advice about the transition from pediatric to adult health care. (How does this happen? What works? What doesn’t work? What are barriers? How can this be improved?)**

Prompts

* What worked well? (Or, for those who have not yet transitioned, what is working well as you anticipate this?)
* What were some of the problems and barriers you faced?
* Did anyone help you think about this beforehand? If so, who talked with you, when, and how did this happen? (e.g., doctor’s office, school, case manager, parent, specialist) What did they talk with you about? What did you learn?
* How did you find an “adult care” physician or nurse practitioner– *did* you find one? Did you think this person was ready / comfortable to help you manage your health and address adult life health issues?
* How did your pediatrician help with this transition, if at all?
* Does your adult doc collaborate/consult with specialists? Did you have to change any specialists as well?
* Did you run into any insurance changes? What were they? What was this like?
* Are there things that made (make) it easy or hard to access adult health care (e.g., transportation, accommodations)

**V. The use of “Consumer Directed Accounts”**

(A Consumer Directed Account (CDA) is an account that would have a set amount of money available to you to spend on things that are not usually covered by insurance or other Medicaid programs.  (For example, if you want to keep your muscles strong, you could join a health club rather than go to physical therapy. If you are stressed, you might try a meditation class rather than medication. If you wanted a device to communicate with others, you could maybe use an iPad rather than a communication device. You may already know of some things like this that, if you got them, could help you to stay more healthy.)

* **What do you think about this idea?**
* **Are there things that you would use this kind of money for?**
* **If so what, and how would they be of better help than what you can get now?**

**VI. Anything else you would like to say before we end the discussion?** Go around the room and give each person a chance to say one or two last things.

**VII. Closing and thank you**