On April 9, 2010, Governor Rendell endorsed a resolution supporting collaborative work among stakeholders, Departments and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to determine ways to evolve Pennsylvania's service delivery system to a system in which services are ultimately controlled by people with disabilities.

The resolution supported by the Governor's Office was developed as a result of the statewide cross-disability *Power to the People Summit*. The Summit was convened to provide information on services controlled by people with disabilities, identify barriers to the implementation of such a system, enlist the support of senior policymakers and develop action plans. The Summit included a broad range of stakeholders from Pennsylvania's aging, mental health, intellectual disability, autism, brain injury, physical and sensory disability communities.

The endorsed resolution reads:

Whereas:

1. Participants in *Power to the People: A Summit on Planning for Services Controlled by People with Disabilities* on December 1-2, 2009 included people with disabilities, self-advocates, family members, advocates, providers and state staff; AND
2. Participants called for a fundamental shift in our services delivery system in which people control their funding and services; AND
3. Such a change leads to enhanced independence, better living conditions, employment and transportation options for individuals with disabilities; AND
4. Such a change is fiscally responsible and conserving of limited resources.

Therefore, be it resolved that between now and December 31, 2010:

1. We will work with representatives of the Summit participants to examine how to reach these goals and create a roadmap with concrete indicators of success;
2. We will work collaboratively and proactively with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Summit representatives to examine change not only within waivers but non-waiver services and options yet to be developed including the possibility of an 1115 Demonstration Project; AND
3. Further be it resolved that we will determine ways to evolve our systems with maximum simplicity and flexibility, so that there is no wrong door and services are based on functional needs rather than labels; so that services can be for all disabilities and all ages, and so that services proactively meet need rather than adhering to predetermined definitions.