

The Steering Committee met last Friday, December 16, 2005. Attending were:

Lynne Daw, PA
Deborah McQueen, Area RN
Leslie Adams, co-chair and self-advocate
Glenn Lord, chair
Susan DeBeaugrine, Delmarva

The Steering Committee has been working on designing some sort of document for better dissemination of information on health/safety issues among service providers. This also includes the creation of an abbreviated form that is portable for the consumers to carry with them.

The committee, with the assistance of Deborah McQueen discussed, again the pros and cons of the Medical passport and how its been used by providers. It was decided this document must have a name other than Medical Passport. It will be called "My Personal Health."

The group will have a draft form of this document by the next meeting on January 10, 2006. The FCC has been approached to cover the cost of printing out the documents that will be used for the pilot. Susan DeBeaugrine is researching Arvida to have them sponsor the production of the portable document that we envision as a pocket size flip chart with all required documentation that will be kept in a pouch. Small enough to be taken everywhere but large enough to contain all information doctors need to know of. We are trying to implement the pilot that will include a variety of providers, after January. The committee has the intent of implementing the pilot before the new Medication Administration policy comes out. So, if the pilot succeeds in demonstrating the document as an effective tool, they will approach the agency to have the medical passport changed. The committee also wants to include the use of the "Physicians Statement of Ability" in the pilot since providers have the tendency to assume that individuals in SL can self-administer medication without looking into some other barriers, like physical challenges. Deborah McQueen is going to get with Becky McGuire about the implementation of this document as standard practice.

I was assigned to send letters out to SC's reminding them that when they do SL quarterlies they must review each consumer's medical passport to include immunization, and specific changes in medication administration and discussion of the pharmacy review results if it applies. When you look at Delmarva data you see that the most cited recommendation for SC is the completion of the pharmacy review.

The next meeting will be in Panama City, Conference Room of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, AHCA Building.

The date is Tuesday, January 20, 2006 at 10:30 central time.