

Area 2 Steering Committee Minutes

Date: April 24, 2008

Location: DCF Conference Room, Cedars Exec. Center, Tallahassee,

Attendees: Mavis Smith
Lou Ogburn
Blake Little
Martha Coley
Jim Wells
Nilda Barreto (facilitator)

Absent: Janet Graham, Floyd Booth (facilitator) and Lynne Daw (facilitator)

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:07am DST by Mavis Smith, Area 2 Steering Committee Chairperson.

Introductions:

None

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting on March 13, 2008 were approved with a motion by Lou Ogburn, seconded by Blake Little. The motion passed.

Old Business

The committee needs additional members, especially self advocates and waiver support coordinators. Nilda Barreto volunteered to talk to Peter Prater's sister, Susan DeBeaugrine about Peter joining the steering committee. Mavis Smith said that her daughter Debbie would like to join but that she felt that it might be a conflict since she chaired the committee. It was a consensus of the other members that it would not be a conflict since Debbie Smith is known to all of us. Mavis Smith will ask her daughter and help her fill out an application.

Other Old Business

None.

New Business:

At the meeting in March, training for consumers and providers was suggested for our next project. Dates for the next training sessions were discussed. Nilda Barreto said the sessions probably need to be scheduled in the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2008. After discussion Martha Coley made the motion for September 9, 16, 23 and 30. Lou Ogburn seconded and all were in favor.

The locations decided on were:

- Panama City with Marilyn Yon offering to host in Pyramid's new building there
- Tallahassee, using DCF's remodeled Winn-Dixie building at the corner of Tharpe and Old Bainbridge Road
- Quincy at the Gadsden ARC
- Marianna at the Jackson ARC

For the previous training, an allowance of \$350 per event was allowed for supplies, but that probably should be raised to \$600.

The proposed agenda was discussed:

1. Most importantly the consumer should already have a support coordinator or if they are changing SC's, know how to choose a new one.
2. The steps in approaching the process of choosing providers would be:
 - a. Contact your Support Coordinator for a list of providers
 - b. Go the Delmarva website to get information on providers. The APD website may also be helpful.
 - c. Contact APD to learn of any active grievances against certain providers.
3. There needs to be information on expectations from both sides – consumer and provider. This should be a discussion on reality vs. ideal situations.
4. Finally there should be closure on selecting a provider.

Next there was discussion about who would conduct training and it was suggested that perhaps a play, using the Pyramid Players, might be an excellent and fun way to present this material. Mavis Smith volunteered to ask Marilyn Yon if she is interested and if so, would she attend the next meeting as an ad hoc member.

Nilda Barreto will talk to Lynne Daw about funding for this training.

Other New Business

The dates for the next four meetings were set as follows:

- May 22, 2008 – APD office on Phillips Rd with a phone hook up for those out of town or unable to attend in person. An alternate location would be the GARC office in Quincy.
- June 26, 2008 – APD office on Phillips Rd with Quincy as an alternate
- July 24, 2008 - APD office on Phillips Rd with Quincy as an alternate
- August 28, 2008 – APD office on Phillips Rd with Quincy as an alternate.

Adjournment

Jim Wells made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 am DST, seconded by Martha Coley...

Approved by: _____

Date: _____