

Area 2 Steering Committee Minutes

Date: May 29, 2008

Location: APD Conference Room, Phillips Rd, Tallahassee
APD Office, Marianna (by phone)

Attendees: Mavis Smith – by phone
Lou Ogburn
Martha Coley
Jim Wells
Lynne Daw
Janet Graham
Nilda Barreto (facilitator)
Floyd Booth (facilitator) – by phone

Absent: Blake Little

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. EDT by Mavis Smith, Area 2 Steering Committee Chairperson.

Introductions:

None

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of April 24, 2008 were approved with a motion by Lou Ogburn, seconded by Jimmy Wells. The motion passed.

Old Business

There was discussion about the agenda for the next project and if money would be available from the FCC for this project. Lynne Daw questioned why the minutes of the previous meeting suggested increasing the amount for each of the four sessions from \$350 to \$600. The members explained that we would like to offer a small monetary incentive to participants. Lynne Daw said this would not be possible though it might be possible to reimburse participants for travel. This was tabled until Lynne Daw can get an answer.

The group also revisited dates and locations for the next project. Dates are September 9, 16, 23 and 30. All are on Tuesday. It was decided to stay with these dates and the locations previously determined. Lynne Daw will ask first for one of these dates at the

DCF Conference Center on Tharpe Street and then for the Panama City facility and schedule the other two facilities with the remaining dates.

The Pyramid Players will be asked to do skits to present the information. Mavis Smith will contact Marilyn Yon of Pyramid. Lynne Daw will check into reimbursing the Pyramid Players. Perhaps Tallahassee Pyramid could do two presentations and Panama City Pyramid could do two presentations.

Next the committee reviewed the training agenda:

1. How to choose a WSC or to change your WSC.
2. How to choose or change a provider. This may include getting a list of providers from the WSC, checking the website, getting Delmarva scores and ascertaining any grievance on file with APD.
3. Look at the actual interview process including expectations of both the provider and consumer.
4. How to make a final selection.
5. What is a realistic time table for beginning services?

Janet Graham feels that the direct care staff is the weak link to surviving in the community and that this needs to be a focal point.

Mavis Smith will give Marilyn Yon the outline of what we are looking for in a play presentation.

It was decided that both the opening and the wrap up at each of the four sessions will be done by a committee member who will also have a script with approved bullets. This person will be responsible for collecting the evaluations.

Other Old Business

Nilda Barreto gave Peter Prater's sister Susan an application for Peter's membership on the committee. She has not heard so will follow up.

Lou Ogburn moved acceptance of the application for membership for Merry Deborah Smith. It was seconded by Martha Coley and all were in favor.

New Business:

Nilda Barreto gave a report on the Lens Workshop scheduled for June 16-19 in Orlando. This will be training looking at local resources, i.e. Health, Employment, Education, Transportation and Recreation.

Other New Business

The next meeting will be June 26. This meeting will also allow participants to call in and Lynne said she would use a spider phone with a layered speaker which will make listening easier. The call in number will always be 888-808-6959 with the pin # 487-1992.

Adjournment

Martha Coley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 am EDST, seconded by Jim Wells.

Approved by: _____

Date: _____