

Area 2 Steering Committee Minutes

Date: June 26, 2008

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

Attendees: Mavis Smith – by phone
Debbie Smith – by phone
Lou Ogburn
Martha Coley
Blake Little
Lynne Daw
Janet Graham
Nilda Barreto (facilitator)

Absent: Floyd Booth (facilitator) and Jimmy Wells

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. EDST by Mavis Smith, Area 2 Steering Committee Chairperson. Debbie Smith was welcomed as a new member.

Introductions:

None

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of May 29, 2008 were approved with a motion by Lou Ogburn, seconded by Martha Coley. The motion passed.

Old Business

There was discussion about the agenda for the next project and the money available. Lynne Daw said that FCC could pay for transportation through FCC funds to reimburse families' travel or for the host agency to provide transportation. Also, FCC could pay Pyramid a talent fee and for travel. Mavis Smith has both e-mailed and talked to Marilyn Yon concerning a projection of the costs, but does not have those figures yet. Marilyn Yon had said that Andrea would be getting the figures together. It is important that we agree on a price before we begin work on the skit. Blake Little gave Andrea's e-mail address so Mavis Smith can be in touch with her. It is athornley@pyramidinc.org.

The state reimbursement rate for travel is 44 ½ cents per mile. Families and agencies would have to submit an invoice.

There was discussion of dates again since September is not a good month. The best possible time would be January or February. Lynne Daw suggested beginning the second week of January with the following dates:

January 13, 2009
January 20, 2009
January 27, 2009
February 3, 2009

The time was set for 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Janet Graham said that she wants the focus of this training to be direct care staff. Martha Coley suggested that the training tell clients that they can change waiver support coordinators, but that this part could be done by the moderator. Janet Graham wants to stress that the direct care staff is the most important part of the link. Nilda Barreto wants to talk about a current problem of providers asking their consumers for gas money.

Other Old Business

Peter Prater has an application for the Steering Committee but has not completed it yet, however he is still interested.

New Business:

Since this month concludes our first year, it is necessary to elect officers. Lou Ogburn moved Mavis Smith to continue as Chairman, seconded by Martha Coley. Martha Coley moved that Jimmy Wells continue as Vice Chairman, seconded by Lou Ogburn and Martha moved that Lou Ogburn continue as Secretary, seconded by Blake Little. All motions passed.

Nilda Barreto explained the LENS Workshop – LENS stands for Learning, Exploring and Experiencing, Networking and Strategizing. This workshop will be limited to 32 participants, by invitation only. It is not open to the public. Topics to be explored are transportation, education, housing, employment, health, safety, spirituality, leisure and recreation. The attendees will be broken into groups to research and learn about various agencies that provide resources for transportation, education, etc. The participants will then go out in the community to experience the perception that the community has about the resources for transportation, education, etc. The purpose will be to see how each service area affects each other. Then the group will present to those agencies in writing their recommendations. APD will facilitate and in our area, Floyd Booth will take the lead. The money for this project is a grant to the CQL Counsel. The project has to be completed before April 2009. Our area will hold their workshop March 10, 11 & 12 in Panama City.

Beginning May 2009 all WSC's will be retrained on a person centered approach.

Other New Business

The next meeting will be July 24. This meeting will also allow participants to call in and the number is 888-808-6959 with the pin # 487-1992. Marilyn Yon and Andrea should be invited.

Adjournment

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

Approved by: _____

Date: _____