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AREA 3 STEERING COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES –WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2007

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Attendance:

Steering Committee Member Present: Fred Pratt (Consumer/Self Advocate); Joyce Daniels, (Positive Images), Jim Smith (APD); Cynthia Tyson (APD)

Advisory Members: Jane McFarland (APD)

Absent Members: Corie Chae, Diane Clark, Loretta Clark, John Conneely, Jimi Daniels, Meribeth Larsen, Melinda Morrison, Mick Royal, Terry Smith, Shelly Voelker, Dick Bradley, Linda Butler, Lucy Degenhardt, Mary Habig, Mike Hutley, Peter Johnson, Angela Jones, Bobbie Lake, Patrick Mulvihill, Alice Reshard, Larry Smail, Brenda Sweat; Jim Whittaker

Others Present: Vernita Hughes (AQL Leader); Delores Robinson (APD); Sandra Cooper (APD)

This was the eighteenth meeting of this committee.

Introduction: No visitors; no introductions needed.

Announcements:

9th Annual Family Cafe – June 8-10, 2007. Registration opens February 14, 2007, with financial assistance being offered on a first come, first served basis.

Quality Symposium tentatively scheduled for May 9, 2007 at the Hilton in Ocala, Florida.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the December 6, 2006 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept and approve the minutes with no changes.

Website Update:

Mr. Pratt sent request to subcommittee for information for the February “Right of the Month” for the website. Have not received any responses from subcommittee. Ms. Hughes will send POM Manual to Mr. Pratt to use as tool for gathering information for the website.

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“Start Your Year Off Right” - Right of the Month Event: The “Start Your Year Off Right” event is scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2007. Mr. Pratt provided an update on Dominos offer to donate 10 large pizzas. Dominos has committed to the 10 large pizzas for the event. Tickets will be distributed for the pizza for first come/first served.

Ms. Daniels will provide the ice and coolers for the sodas.

Mr. Pratt will contact Ms. Voelker about the Publix donation. Will also follow-up with Ms. Sweat about her agency’s participation. Mr. Pratt reports that the Supervisor of Elections office has confirmed their participation.

Mr. Pratt will check with The Party Place about the donations of balloons.

Ms. Hughes reported that Ms. Angie Chance from VR has agreed to participate. Bradford ARC has a conflict in their schedule and will not be able to participate. Will also contact Ms. Doreen Houliker to find out if Housing Authority will be participating.

Ms. Tyson will contact William Thomas Funeral Home for a public service announcement. Ms. Daniels will contact Cox Communication for a public service announcement.

Mr. Smith distributed a sample flyer to be mailed to all Area 3 consumers. Copies of the flyer will also be copied and provided for the WSC’s at the meeting scheduled for January 11, 2007. Flyers should be mailed out by Thursday to all consumers. Mr. Smith will prepare a draft agenda and requested that Mr. Pratt provide him with the name of the presenters for the Center for Independent Living and the Supervisor of Elections.

Ms. Hughes will prepare slide information for Mr. Smith to put together a slide presentation.

Other:

Mr. Bobby Lake has made a verbal request to withdraw from serving as an Advisory member. A request for written notification from Mr. Lake will be requested. Mr. Pratt will sign a response letter to Mr. Lake.

An invite letter to become a member of the Steering Committee will be sent to Sherry Ruszkowski, Bradford ARC.

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Other (continued):

APD will reimburse Mr. Pratt for mileage. Mr. Pratt to submit mileage to Sandra for processing.

The committee will reconvene on Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 3:00PM in the APD Conference room to finalize activities for the 1/20/07 event.

Agenda for Next Meeting/Future Meeting Date

The next scheduled Steering Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2007 from 3:00PM until 5:00PM in the APD Conference Room.