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**AREA 3 STEERING COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP
MEETING MINUTES –WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007**

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Governor

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Attendance:

Steering Committee Member Present: Fred Pratt (Consumer/Self Advocate); Jim Smith (APD); Cynthia Tyson (APD); Shelly Voelker (FCC Member)

Advisory Members: Dick Bradley, (AARC); Lucy Degenhardt (APD); Patrick Mulvihill (Transition Center)

Absent Members: Corie Chae, Diane Clark, Loretta Clark, John Conneely, Jimi Daniels, Joyce Daniels, Meribeth Larsen, Melinda Morrison, Mick Royal, Terry Smith, Linda Butler, Mary Habig, Mike Hutley, Peter Johnson, Angela Jones, Bobbie Lake, Larry Smail, Brenda Sweat, Jim Whittaker

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

This was the nineteenth meeting of this committee.

Introduction: No visitors; no introductions needed.

Announcements:

- Ms. Hughes announced her retirement at the end of the month.
- Stand- Up-For Me Curriculum training – April 17-18, 2007 at Daytona Beach Hilton. April 18th session for adults only. Training developed by Brevard Achievement Center.
- Area 3 & 13 Quality Symposium – May 9, 2007 in Ocala.
- Mr. Pratt announced the Governor's ADA Workgroup – April 5-6, 2007 at Gateway Grand Best Western on 39th Avenue.
- Mr. Smith announced the Rights presentation by Fred Pratt, Delores Robinson and Vernita Hughes well received at the CQL meeting on March 22nd.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the February 21, 2007 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept and approve the minutes with no changes.

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Website Update:

The website information for April has been submitted for review and posting. Submissions need to be submitted by the 15th for next month. The list of rights currently posted on the web will end August 2007. Discussion by the committee as to how to proceed after August. Mr. Smith asked that the committee review Delmarva's data for results/evaluation before making decisions about whether to continue with the Right of the Month after August 2007. Updated data has been requested from Delmarva. Mr. Bradley discussed his reservation about Delmarva's data. He further stated that the committee may want to go back and review the "Right of the Month" project and determine to what extent consumers understand the concept of their rights. Mr. Mulvihill suggested the committee determine a method to determine the effectiveness of the "Rights" project and possibly consider doing a survey to find out how providers are using the information.

New Delmarva Review Tool:

Ms. Hughes distributed for review a copy of the new protocol and a handout of the tool. New tool became effective March 1, 2007. Discussion of the elements decreased from 20 to 12.

APD Update:

Mr. Smith provided an overview of the bills before the Legislature. Senate Bill update provided on the FSLW Waiver/Residential Services. This waiver adds supported living to the waiver and will allow majority of consumers to be served. The waiver will be capped at \$30,000.00. House Bill update on Managed Care Pilot project. This is a 5 year pilot project for the waiver to run like an HMO. Does not appear will be approved during this year's session. Both bills are designed to address the current deficit.

Statewide Roll-Up Top to Bottom Review:

Still not available. Being worked on by Central Office. Originally discussed in February 2006.

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Update on Quality Management Operating Procedure:

Ms. Hughes stated the procedure is still in draft. Workgroup met on March 22-23, 2007. Workgroups are being formed to assist with forthcoming audit of APD.

Agenda for Next Meeting/Future Meeting Date:

The next scheduled Steering Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 from 3:00PM until 5:00PM in the APD Conference Room.