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State of Florida

AREA 3 STEERING COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES –WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2006

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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 (Alachua ARC); Lucy Degenhardt (APD); Jeffrey Frazier (WSC); 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, Jane McFarland, Alice Reshard, Larry Smail, Brenda Sweat; Jim Whittaker

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

This was the seventeenth meeting of this committee.

Introduction: Mr. Pratt opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Announcements:

Ms. Hughes announced upcoming training. Email received from Steve Dunaway regarding self-advocate training. If interested, see Ms. Hughes for additional information.

Mr. Mulvihill announced about the "Standing Up For Me" Train-the-Trainer training scheduled for January 16, 2007 and the Statewide Self-Determination Training scheduled for January 17, 2007. Copies of meeting information were distributed.

Vision Conference – February 14-16, 2007 in Jacksonville, Florida at Wyndam Hotel. For additional information, visit the website at www.fldcdt.org.

International Conference – October 2007 in Orlando (Services for students/adults in transition). Scholarships will be available for families.

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Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the November 15, 2006 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept and approve the minutes with no changes.

Website Update:

Mr. Pratt sent notices to all sub-committee

Ms. Hughes announced she has received positive feedback on the right of the month website.

Ms. Hughes suggested to the committee that someone be designated to prepare the write-up for the "Right of the Month" each month. Mr. Smith suggested that the Personal Outcome Measures guidebook be used as a tool to develop the write-up each month. Ms. Hughes volunteered to prepare for the next 2 months. Copies will be forwarded to Mr. Pratt and Ms. Voelker for review prior to posting on the website.

"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 the vendors. Dominos has offered to donate 10 large pizzas. Suggestion made to distribute coupons/tickets for first come/first served. Other vendors to be notified are:

- ◆ Publix – Ms. Voelker will contact
- ◆ Subway – Ms. Cooper will contact
- ◆ Hitchcock – Mr. Frazier will contact. Mr. Frazier will also donate paper goods.
- ◆ Dominos – Mr. Pratt will contact the manager to verify donations of the pizzas.

The committee decided to donate left over food to the food bank.

Mr. Pratt has contacted Center for Independence about presenting on January 20th. They have agreed to participate and provide a presentation. No response received from Clearing House on Disability or Voc Rehab. It was agreed by the committee members in attendance that Center for Independence would be the main presenter if Clearing House does not confirm their participation. Mr. Pratt will also check with Supervisor of Election about setting up a display table. Mr. Bradley will contact Alarion Bank about setting up a table and being available to speak with participants about banking needs.

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Mr. Pratt has revised the press release. Mr. Smith will forward to Tallahassee for review.

Volunteers needed to assist at the Kick-Off Event.

APD will purchase signs for the event.

Agenda for Next Meeting/Future Meeting Date

The next scheduled Steering Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 from 3:00PM until 5:00PM in the APD Conference Room.