



**AREA 3 STEERING COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP
MEETING MINUTES –WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2006**

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Attendance:

Steering Committee Member Present: ; John Conneely (Bradford ARC); Jim Smith (APD-Area 3); Shelley Voelker (FCC Member); Fred Pratt (Consumer/Self-Advocate); Cynthia Tyson (APD-Area 3); Jimi & Joyce Daniels (Positive Images)

Advisory Members: Dick Bradley (Alachua ARC); (Lucy Degenhardt (APD); Bobbie Lake (CCS); Alice Reshard (AHCA); Larry Smail (Waiver Support Coordinator); Jeffrey Frazier (Waiver Support Coordinator)

Absent Members: Linda Butler; Corie Chae; Diane Clark; Loretta Clark; Mary Habig; Mike Hutley; Peter Johnson; Angela Jones; Meribeth Larsen; Jane McFarland; Melinda Morrison; Patrick Mulvihill; Mick Royal; Terry Smith; Brenda Sweat; Jim Whittaker

Others Present: Sandra Cooper (APD-Area 3); Vernita Hughes (AQL Leader); Kerry Kahn (APD-Area 3); Mark Brown (Brown Services); Frank Carroll (Area 3 FCC); Delores Robinson (APD-Area 3); Bob Larimer (People System)

This was the tenth meeting of this committee.

Introduction: Mr. Connelly opened the meeting by asking the committee members to introduce themselves.

Announcements:

- Quality Symposium scheduled for June 13, 2006. Mr. Connelly will be one of the presenters.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes reviewed. No corrections noted. Motion to accept and approve the minutes.

Selection of 12 Rights for “Right of the Month” Project: Draft letter prepared by Brenda Sweat sent to providers on May 5, 2006 for feedback. Approximately 40 responses received thus far. Ms. Voelker mentioned that daily living choices were a main concern provided as feedback to her. She would like the committee to direct attention to this right. Medical treatment and privacy were other areas of concern mentioned. Feedback from the surveys that were distributed revealed the following as the top 5 concerns regarding Rights:



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- 1) Receive medical care;
- 2) Keep and use own money;
- 3) Education and training;
- 4) Receive the same pay as others doing the same job and
- 5) Being treated as well as all other employees.

There was further discussion about including the responsibilities that come along with rights. After further discussion about what the Right of the Month would be for July, it was motioned and seconded and voted by majority that "Dignity/Respect" will be July 2006 "Right of the Month".

Identification of Subcommittee for Development of Activities and Curricula: Subcommittee members are Fred Pratt, Shelly Voelker; Joyce Daniels, Jeffrey Frazier, Vernita Hughes. Members will develop a draft curriculum for the July "Right of Month". The information will be included on the Area 3 Website.

Next Steps in Action Plan:

Ms. Hughes distributed update on the Strategic Action Plan.

Ms. Hughes will discuss further with Ms. Voelker about Family Care Council assisting with the funds to pay for the people to travel from the Thomas Grady Service Center in Thomasville, Georgia to provide Rights training to Area 3 consumers and providers.

Mr. Connelly requested asked Mr. Smith to proceed with posting the information on the website. Ms. Reshard had concerns with how the information from the "Right of the Month" will be measured.

Continued Business:

AQL members working on poster for Quality Symposium . Some of the items to be included on the poster presentation are Real Choice Grant/Quality Improvement; Steering Committee/Advisory Group; TQM, Fishbone, Rights.

Agenda for Next Meeting/Future Meeting Date

The next scheduled Steering Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 from 3:00PM until 5:00PM in the Tacachale Administration Conference Room.