

SUNCOAST REGION QUALITY  
STEERING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes  
April 6, 2009

**Attendance:** Dierdra Walker (Chairperson/Provider), Betty Beauchaine (FCC), Carl Littlefield (APD), Rebecca Vasey (Consumer of Service), Deborah Morgan, (Provider/Support for Ms. Vasey), Marcia DiGrazia (AQL), Ann Graybeal (Parent) Janis Alberti (Provider), Joanna H. Rydzewski (Parent), Patricia Hayston (Family member), Tom Nurse (Parent),

**Guest:** Judith Redding (APD), Gary Hartsfield (Provider by conference call).

**Not in Attendance:** Karlton Ballard (Transition), Deborah Davis (Transition), Stepanie Engley (Medicaid), Jennifer Stone (Provider), David Hawthorne (Provider), Patty Rendon (WSC), Delmarva representative.

Meeting: The meeting started at 10:00 a.m.  
Minutes approved.

**Wait List – Draft Letter Regarding Funding**

Dierdra Walker presented the draft letter to be sent to Jim De Beaugrine regarding the use of funding for consumer on the Crisis list. Joanne Rydzewsk was informed at the Family Care Council meeting that three (3) people from Hillsborough County were added to the Waiver from the Crisis list in the last month. She also stated that the FCC is working on the status of those on the waitlist. There is a model from Pennsylvania that is being considered which would provide updated information and assesses needs more effectively.

There was discussion of if there is a need for our committee to address the same questions. Judith Redding, noted that the questions we were asking were valid. It was suggested that we have a refresher on the Crisis tool, what is the protocol for the SunCoast and how many people in the SunCoast are on the Crisis list vs. those being served. Marcia was asked to contact Helene Coutu, to provide information at the next meeting. 4/6/09 Done

**Community Education –**

PARC is currently working to educate professionals in the community on disability related resources that families could access. Doctors, Dentist, Counselor and Clergy are at a lost when referring family members to services. Schools do not maintain current information. The question was asked: “Are we doing enough?”

Marcia discussed how the LENS workshop was instrumental in promoting education on both sides. (Professionals/DD). Joanna stated that she will work on the Yahoo group for Hillsborough County. Marcia will send her the contact person for the Pinellas Yahoo group. 4/6/09 Done

Tom Nurse noted that Family Network on Disabilities (FND), who is listed as a member of this committee, should play an important part in educating the public about resources that are available. **Tom said he will make contact with FND and encourage them to attend the meetings and help with the issue.**

### **New Business:**

PARC is partnering with Manasota ARC. Dierdra Walker is now the person in charge of the Adult Day Training (ADT) program. She asked if the SunCoast had any standardized tool that she could use to assess the ADT program.

Judith Redding stated that in the past, ADT programs used ResHab standards as part of their guidelines and CARF guidelines. There is nothing in the Coverage and Limitations Handbook, indicating specific health and safety codes that have to be met. She stated that she has sent up her concerns to the Central office, but has not received a reply.

Carl stated that the WSC is a presence that oversees each person's health and safety. Based on what is seen, we can then make recommendations to the ADT.

**The members will check with Judith to see if she gets a reply.**

### **Carl – Update**

- 3% in the Senate budget, it was not in the House version, and not in the governor budget.
- Marcia noted that the responsibility for completing the cost plans is going back to the WSC's, This will allow the liaison more time to be supportive of the WSC when needed.
- 2500 people on the CDC (500) in our Area. WSC will have to take the CDC training to be a consultant.

### **Questions:**

What about more people coming off crisis list? **People come off mostly through attrition.**

What about Tier Shift? **Has backfilled the deficit hole somewhat. Tiers and Rebasing gives some predictability.**

No other questions the meeting adjourned.

### **Agenda Items:**

- Where are we in the appeals process?
- What is the Crisis Tool?
- Where are we in regard to the Emergency Preparedness?

Next meeting will be on May 11, 2009 at 1313 Tampa Street, Tampa Suite 517, from 10 – 12.