

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Suncoast Region



Meeting Date: April 9, 2012
 Time: 10:00a- 12:00pm
 APD-St. Pete Office


Next Meeting: May14, 2012 10:00am
 APD-Tampa Office
 1313 Tampa Street, Suite #516
 Tampa, Florida 33712

MEETING CALLED BY	Gary T. Hartfield, Chairman
FACILITATOR(S)	Gary Hartfield, Chairman
NOTE TAKERS	Janis Alberti Ann Graybeal Mary Fuller Kym Mason
TIMEKEEPER	Gary Hartfield, Chairman
IN PERSON ATTENDEES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Gary T. Hartfield, Chairman ❖ Tom Nurse, Co-Chairman ❖ Marcia DiGrazia, AQL Liaison-APD ❖ Laurie Harlow, Division Director-APD ❖ Mary Fuller, PHD/Member ❖ Betty Beauchaine, Parent/Member ❖ Gary Goodwin, WSC/Member ❖ Shaqounna Fowler, Consumer/Member ❖ William 'Bill' Rambaum, Parent/Member ❖ Ann Graybeal, Parent/Member ❖ Janis Alberti, Provider/Member ❖ Dane Jones, Provider ❖ Kym Mason, Advisor/Member ❖ Bud Llewellyn, Provider/Member ❖ Scottie Lacey, Consumer/Member
TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Rebecca Vasey, Consumer/Member ❖ Tammy Weaver, UPARC
VISITORS/NEW ATTENDEES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dannon Chance, Serenity Village, Inc.

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<p>INTRODUCTIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS</p>	<p><u>Minutes Review & Motion to update APD Website</u> Minutes were reviewed and approved as written. A motion was made that APD update the Region's website to post current Steering Committee Minutes. The most recent Minutes posted are from June 2011. This motion was seconded and adopted.</p>
<p>DISCUSSIONS</p>	<p>Action Items: <u>Old Business – Behavior Services Work Group-Update</u> Gary informed the committee that the Behavior Services Work Group will be meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at the APD Tampa Office at 1:00pm. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the status quo and how to proceed.</p> <p>Behavior Analyst for the Region has been hired and has started. His name is Neil Deochand, BCBA.</p>
<p>DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)</p>	<p><u>Building Credibility for the Steering Committee</u> Media Event- The Media Event is back on the table again and the Planning Committee will be soon moving forward. The Family Care Council (FCC) set aside one thousand dollars for the Media Event and it is still available until May 15, 2012. The funds can be reallocated for next year.</p> <p>New Business I-Budget Implementation due October 1, 2012. Two regions have already started. These regions are working under the existing handbook.</p> <p>In last weeks FCC meeting it was reported that 200 letters regarding Cost Plan reductions were going to be sent out. These cuts started with Residential Habilitation, next will be Supported Living, and then Behavior Services.</p> <p>Senate Bill 1516 did not pass. The Bill was not well thought out, and cut core services. Advocates push back on the definition of "Medically Necessary".</p> <p>Florida Voting Law- Ms. Williams discussed the ramifications of APD being a third party affiliate to assist Consumers with Voters Registration and the need to find out where APD stood on this matter with the Management Team. In addition if APD was considered a third party affiliate does this include WSC and Service Providers?</p> <p>An answer has not yet been obtained.</p>
<p>REGIONAL UPDATE</p>	<p>Laurie Harlow provided the Committee with an update for the Region. Ms. Harlow stated that APD is continuing to work on data collection for the region. Last quarterly meeting showed that Background Screening was a problem for the region. The ability to drill down further to examine the issues, especially in the CDC population.</p> <p>Provider Group Meetings will be held to promote face-to-face contact with smaller groups and venues. Laurie will check on starting a CDC Plus group. Following Meetings are scheduled:</p> <p>April 26, 2012 – <i>Non Residential Service Providers Meeting</i> Meeting will be held at APD Tampa Office Room 605 for Hillsborough, Manatee, and Desoto counties.</p>

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	<p>May 14, 2012- <i>Non Residential Service Providers Meeting</i> will be held at the Pinellas Park Library for Pinellas, Pasco, and Sarasota Counties.</p> <p>Laurie and Gary will meet and review tools to formulate data that will be distributed at Steering Committee Meetings for review.</p> <p>The Score Card data for 2011 is in the process of being loaded. Reports for Supported Employment and WSC are now completed.</p> <p>Laurie reviewed the Delmarva Report and Score Card data with the Committee.</p>
ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES	<p>Shaqounna Fowler “Putting People First With Special Needs”</p>  <p>Shaqounna in APD (St. Pete) Lobby</p> <p>Shaqounna is passionate about helping people with Specials Needs! Unable to find a job in an Economy with 10% unemployment rate, Shaqounna had an idea. She decided to attend a Day Program to develop her artistic skills and has now started a T-Shirt design company called “Putting People First With Special Needs.”</p> <p>You can see Shaqounna’s T-Shirt in the lobby of APD St. Petersburg’s Office.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>Meeting was adjourned by Gary T. Hartfield at 12:15pm</p>