

SUNCOAST REGION QUALITY
STEERING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2009

Attendance: Betty Beauchaine (FCC), Rebecca Vasey (Person receiving services from APD.), Deborah Morgan, (Provider/Support for Ms. Vasey), Marcia DiGrazia (AQL), Ann Graybeal (Parent) Janis Alberti (Provider), Tom Nurse (Parent), Sandra Rogers for Jennifer Stone (Provider),

Guest: Judith Redding (APD), Patricia Alderete, WSC and Brian Douglas, Person receiving services from APD and Glorie Singleton by conference call.

Not in Attendance: Dierdra Walker (Chairperson/Provider), Joanna H. Rydzewski (Parent), Patricia Hayston (Family member), Carl Littlefield (APD), Karlton Ballard (Transition), Deborah Davis (Transition), Stepanie Engley (Medicaid), Gary Hartsfield (Provider). David Hawthorne (Provider), Patty Rendon (WSC), Delmarva representative.



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

Minutes: Tabled until a quorum was met and then they were approved.

Introductions were made since we had new people attending.

Wait List – Helene Coutu

Ms. Coutu provided an informative overview of the Crisis process. This included the Crisis identification tool, what happens after it is completed and sent to the Central program office and the process denial process. The APD process is explained in Policy Directive 04-005 and stats are currently maintained in the SunCoast by Ms. Coutu.

Appeal Process – Denise Oetinger

Ms. Oetinger noted that approximately 1,500 letters went out last week regarding the appeals that were requested. The hearings are to determine if APD followed procedures correctly. The appeals for Rebasing have not started yet. Providers will be notified by the support coordinator of any changes in a consumer's cost plan.

It was asked by Mr. Nurse if we could determine; "what is the economic impact on the appeals and denials of individuals being re-assigned to tiers and rebasing?" APD does not have that kind of systems in place to determine that information but will seek it from the Central office.

It was noted that cost plan processing should be moving more efficiently since the WSC's will be processing the cost plans and not having the APD liaisons input the cost plan before processing it.

Disaster Preparedness Planning – Glorie Singleton

Ms. Singleton contacted the committee by conference call. The new Disaster preparedness training is set up for May 14, 2009. It is mandatory for Supported Living providers, In-Home supports and Group Home providers. The Safety guide for the SunCoast is ready and on line. APD depends on the media for notification of evacuations. We have a phone tree system in place once we are notified, starting with the Waiver Support Coordinators.

Family Network on Disabilities (FND) – Tom Nurse

Tom reported that FND is open to working with the steering committee as a link to their web site to share information. We may want to invite them to the meeting to discuss ways to work together to educate people to make political connections in a positive manner. Tom will discuss this with them.

Carl's Update: Carl was on his way to Tallahassee. He stated that nothing new was going on at this time.

Agenda items: ADT update

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