

SUNCOAST AREA QUALITY
STEERING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2009

Attendance: Dierdra Walker (Chairperson/Provider), Betty Beauchaine (FCC), Rebecca Vasey (Person receiving services from APD.), Deborah Morgan, (Provider/Support for Ms. Vasey), Patty Rendon (WSC), Marcia DiGrazia (AQL), Ann Graybeal (Parent) Janis Alberti (Provider), Joanna H. Rydzewski (Parent), Patricia Hayston (Family member),.

Guest: Judith Redding (APD), Shaquanna Fower (person receiving services from APD), Ginger Rockey-Johnson (provider), Chase Archuleta (provider).

Not in Attendance: Tom Nurse (Parent), Carl Littlefield (APD), Karlton Ballard (Transition), Deborah Davis (Transition), Stepanie Engley (Medicaid), Gary Hartsfield (Provider). David Hawthorne (Provider), Delmarva representative.



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

Introductions were made.

Family Care Council (FCC) Update: Betty Beauchaine shared that the FCC met at the Shiners this past month. They had a lawyer talk on special needs trust. The lawyer group is out of Hillsborough County for those who need assistance.

Joanna Rydzewski stated that she was looking into setting up a “yahoo group” in Hillsborough County similar to the one set up in Pinellas County resulting from the LENS conference.

Dierdra Walker brought up the question from our last meeting: What is the economic impact of appeals and denials on individuals due to reassignment to tiers and rebasing? It is obvious that the local Area offices do not have the man power or data to answer that question.

There was much discussion about how this committee might work in collaboration with the FCC and Family Net work on Disability. Patty Rendon recommended that the committee could reach out to organizations and meet with their current individual and family meetings as they occur. We would need to contact large agencies to determine when they have their scheduled meetings. Joanne Rydzewski volunteered to contact them when Marcia DiGrazia sends her the contact information. All members would need to develop a presentation of their responsibilities according to their role within the system; (Consumer, Parent, Provider, and Support Coordinator). Presentations are to be approximately 2 minutes long. Send Marcia DiGrazia a copy to be reviewed and scanned prior to next meeting if possible.

The committee would present itself as a panel, informing participants how as part of the circle of supports each is empowered to ensure supports and services work. The panel is not there to answer audience individual questions/complaints. Those would be collected and forwarded to an appropriate APD staff. It was suggested we use the cards from the last Synergy conference.

Marcia DiGrazia and Patty Rendon presented the recommendation to Carl Littlefield after the meeting. He stated that it sounds like a good idea. He questioned the possible need to have scripts reviewed by Central office. We would have to look into this.

At our next meeting we will review scripts and see what agencies have shown interest.

Next meeting will be on July 13, 2009 at 1313 Tampa Street, Tampa Suite 517, from 10 – 12.