

SUNCOAST REGION QUALITY STEERING COMMITTEE

MINUTES July 27, 2006

Attendance: Sharran Alfieri, Betty Beauchaine, David Hawthorne, Carl Littlefield, Marcia DiGrazia, Joanna H. Rydzewski, , Patty Rendon, Tom Nurse.

Guest: Barbara Hawkins, Delmarva, Ronald Wright, Atina Williams, Marcus Hall, David Brown and Dirsten Heybrock

Not in Attendance: Karlton Ballard, Deborah Davis, Cliff Capron, and, Debra J. Killion Rebecca Vasey, Dawn Schmidt-Browning, Deirdra Walker and Patricia Hayston

No longer on the committee: Sandra Sroka, Karen Rose, and Javier Roldan

Meeting began @ 9:00 PM

The minutes from the June 22, 2006 meeting were reviewed but not approved since we did not have a quorum.

Dave went over the letter of recommendation regarding training of WSC's. It was read for the benefit of those needing that assistance. As a result of the reading the following actions have taken place.

1. Eileen O'Brien is not out posted from Tallahassee. She will be putting together self advocates and coming up with ideas of working with families.
2. Fl. Association of Behavior Analyst (FABA) is targeting families for there Saturday workshops.
3. Marcy is working with the APD training coordinator, Cindy Totten, to create training for individuals and families.
4. Tom Nurse is working on a video and DVD to be used by individuals and their families.
5. The provider fair, supported in part by the family care council, went well and we will look into another one for the coming year.
6. Through e-mail, the Central Program Office responded to the recommendation letter. They forwarded our recommendations to Rene Johnson and David Alexander, who has the contract for revisions to the WSC preservice.

ATTENDANCE: There was a discussion about the need to draw people to our committee. It is a great opportunity to learn about what is happening in APD and with providers.

SunCoast Update: Carl reviewed the outcome of the budget. There were many cuts, and we will not be bring in many consumers off the waitlist at t his time. Members were concern about the budget and would like more information on how things are decided. Marcy said she'd contact Headquarter and see if we could have someone call from the office to go over how budgets are decided.

It was suggested that we have speaker attend the meetings to inform the members about different aspects of the system. This would assist the members to make more informed recommendations.

With the budget cuts, APD needs to zero in on natural supports. Through much discussion, members were aware that some provider use tactics which make individual overly attached to their providers. Families also get mix messages about using natural supports but must be safe.

We discussed how to make changes in the system.

1. Tom recommended allowing the people on the FSL waiver have access to all services but the cap would remain the same.
2. Dave recommended having more provider meetings and inviting community resources to attend WSC meetings. This would educate the WSC, who is supposed to be educating individuals and families.
3. There was a suggestion to have links to the APD web site to local community resources.
4. Reward, in some manner, WSC to use natural supports.
5. Acknowledge top performers from Delmarva reviews.

The member decided to meet at the WSC meeting to assess the support coordinators use of natural supports. Question to ask are:

1. How do SC's identify natural supports?
2. How did you know you need to seek out natural supports?
3. Why can't more natural supports be used?
4. When using natural supports, how has it benefited the consumer?

The member decided to go to PARC to continue the meeting after the assessment is completed at the WSC meeting.

The Next Meeting: August 17, 2006 at the Pinellas Park Library, We will be assessing the WSC using the questionnaire that we developed. We will then go to PARC to complete our meeting.

9 am – Noon.