

SUNCOAST REGION QUALITY STEERING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 28, 2006

Attendance: Sharran Alfieri, Betty Beauchaine, Carl Littlefield, Marcia DiGrazia, Joanna H. Ryzewski, Deirdra Walker and Patricia Hayston, Patty Rendon, Rebecca Vasey, Dawn Schmidt-Browning, Marcus Hall, and David Brown

Guest: Susan VanFossen, Delmarva, and Beth Kelzer, WSC applicant.

Not in Attendance: Karlton Ballard, Deborah Davis, Cliff Capron, and, Debra J. Killion, David Hawthorne, Tom Nurse, and Ronald Wright.

No longer on the committee:

Meeting began @ 9:00 PM

The minutes from the August 17, 2006 meeting were approved with revisions.

The draft recommendation letter was reviewed and revisions were made. Marcia will rewrite letter and send to members by e-mail for approval. Marcia will also arrange for someone from the MW unit to attend the next meeting to discuss the Liaison's role in quality improvement.

Overview of IQC meeting:

Marcia DiGrazia - AQL shared that the IQC accepted her recommendation to add Steering committee's recommendations to their agenda items. This will enable any steering committee to send recommendations to the APD office, and they will forward to IQC members so that the members will be prepared to discuss at their next meeting.

Susan Van Fossen- Delmarva – reported that the Core tool is being revised from 25 elements to 11 elements. She said that they were still getting the “Bugs” out of the WiSCC tool. The draft revision will be out by 9/27/06. Marcia will forward to members to review when she gets a copy.

Susan also stated that all Core consultants will go through a reliability based on interview techniques not the 25 outcome measures.

The WSC's on the committee stated by examples that the tool is not consistent in it's interpretation of systems. Marcia reminded the members that if interpretations are

questioned, there is a chain of command to follow to file a grievance. Tom Nurse recommended that APD have a more cohesive and collaborative relationship between APD and Delmarva. WSC Liaisons should attend all WiSCC consultations to assist with technical support in developing quality systems.

Carl Littlefield – SunCoast update: reported that there is a Federal law suit that starts in March, 2007 between APD and the Prior Authorization entities.

Carl stated that Florida will have only 500 people coming off the waiting list this coming fiscal year. That is about 41 per month, and due to our size, the SunCoast region should be getting more than a 5th of that total.

Carl also reported that Gulf Coast state institution closing is coming along. There should be about 70 people going on the HCBS waiver. The members were concerned about providers being prepared to serve individuals who are coming out of the institutions. Susan Van Fossen indicated that providers need to be educated on how to teach/serve individuals with severe challenges. Carl stated that the SunCoast is continuously working on provider development for new Group Homes

Carl reported that he is working with the FCC east side to recruit member and elect a chairperson. This committee has not been functional for about a year.

Other issues: Members discussed possibly have every other meeting at the Tampa office. Marcia said she'd look into it.

Dave Brown stated that providers need education on medical issues so they can react more appropriately when individuals have problems.

No other issues were discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

The Next Meeting: **October 26, 2006 at the DD Center, 1201 102nd Ave. N. St. Petersburg. At 9 am – Noon.**