

SunCoast Region Steering Committee

MINUTES October 19, 2005

Attendance: Joanna H. Rydzewski, Deirdra Walker, Cliff Capron, Patricia Hayston, Christina McCullough, David Hawthorne, Rebecca Vasey, Javier Roldan, Carl Littlefield, Marcia DiGrazia, and Dawn Schmidt-Browning.

Guest: Susan Von Fossen, Delmarva

Not in Attendance: Sharran Alfieri, Karlton Ballard, Deborah Davis, Sandra Sroka, Mary Pierce, Jan LaBell, Kevin Murdock, Betty Beauchaine, Melissa Foster, Adam Franklin, and Karen Rose.

Meeting began @ 1:15 PM

Welcome and Housekeeping

David Hawthorne

David Hawthorne introduced Susan Von Fossen and members introduced themselves. David Hawthorne reviewed Minutes from last meeting. Melissa Foster and Marcia DiGrazia have amended the by-laws and will be submitting for review next meeting. There was some concern regarding attendance. It was agreed that there needs to be a reminder via e-mail.

IQC/AQL Meetings

Marcia DiGrazia

Marcia DiGrazia reviewed subject material of IQC meeting in Jacksonville. CDC Plus will be having training for families and individuals receiving funding. Marcia passed around dates of training. * Please refer to Marcia if interested in obtaining a copy of the training dates. Also discussed at the IQC meeting was the Implementation of Handbook revision that was effective June 23, 2005. Changes include: Meaningful Day Activity (NRSS, Supported Employment, and ADT programs), should be 35 hours per week; it should not be socializing, fun and eating, training should be taking place or working... IHS has joined in with the Big 5 (ADT, NRSS, Supported Employment, Supported Living, and Residential Habilitation) to have core face to face reviews with Delmarva. Delmarva used to do a desk review. Supported Employment now has 18 hours of training. If any provider wants to expand they must have a score of at least 85% of Elements on their last consultation with Delmarva. However, the Dept has a right to look at Incident Reports and Complaints. It is up to the Dept if you can expand. Basically, it is to avoid providers getting over their heads. The IQC also discussed the implementation of Core Competency Training to be provided by web based training, classroom training and self pace version of Core Competency Training. There are two sections 1. Health Issues and Safety and 2. An overview on Developmental Disabilities. Marcia wanted to make it clear that providers still needed to take the Medication

Administration Course and that this is not the APD overview. *Joanna Rydzewski, parent member, stated concern about the validity of this training. Marcia stated that APD must approve providers Core Competency Trainings.

The Crisis List was reviewed by the Crisis Tool Committee. People who are in crisis are being bumped for Waiver Services. More info on this subject can be found on the APD website.

Marcia provided handouts – Agenda for Full Participation in Training America; All Human Rights for All; People First Language; and Statistics for POMs July/Sept 2005. Florida’s new motto is “Beat 48%.”

Delmarva presented the WiSCC tool – It was suggested that this tool be presented at one of our Steering Committee meetings.

Employment was also discussed – there are new general revenue funds for Employment. It is limited to \$5,000 annually per person. A Business Network (BLN) is promoting employers to hire people with disabilities. They are looking at how to get folks with disabilities employed.

Several of the AQL’s presented an update of their steering committees and Quality Enhancement projects. Marcia provided materials handed out by all AQL’s to give the committee an idea of everyone progress. We seem to be developing at the same rate as other steering committees around the state.

Marcia provided examples of training materials to Steering Committee Meeting. These included curriculums on “Job Success, Choices”, How to Advocate for Self: Four Easy Pieces”. Both curriculums would be good to review in conjunction with our projects.

Work Group Discussion **David Hawthorne & Christina McCullough**

David reviewed the Implementation Plan for the Right’s Work Group. The main focus is on Choice and why we are failing in this area. The group wants to look at what is being taught and currently being done in encouraging Rights/Choice. Susan Von Fossen, Delmarva suggested that folks are just not being asked what is most important to them.

Christina reviewed the Implementation Plan for the Employment Work Group. The main focus was to explore what is already being done to assist our folks in becoming employed in the community. The priority is to contact Brenda Clark and work in collaboration with her, as she is the Supported Employment Liaison.