

SUNCOAST REGION QUALITY
STEERING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2007

Attendance: Carl Littlefield (APD), Rebecca Vasey (Consumer of Service), Deborah Morgan, (Provider/Support for Ms. Vasey), Stepanie Lang (Medicaid), Joanna H. Rydzewski (Parent), Patricia Hayston (Family member), Dierdra Walker (Provider), Cliff Capron,(Consumer of Services), and Don Mailler, (Provider/Support for Mr. Capron), Patty Rendon (WSC), Marcia DiGrazia (AQL).

Guest: Janis Alberti (Provider), Ann Graybeal (Parent), Barbara Hawkins (Delmarva representative), Terry Geiba (FND for Richard LaBell), Richard Robertson, APD/WSC Coordinator, Glorie Singleton, APD, Community Liaison, Gale Kleine (provider), Frank Vizzione (provider), Everett Ferreira (consumer).

Not in Attendance: Betty Beauchaine (FCC), Tom Nurse (Parent), David Hawthorne (Provider), Jennifer Stone (Provider), Karlton Ballard (Transition), Deborah Davis (Transition), Marcus Hall (Provider), David Brown (Consumer of Services), Beth Kelzer (WSC),

Meeting began @ 9:00 AM at the DD Center.

The minutes from the **May's** meeting were approved.

Review of recommendations

- WSC Preservice – Marcy shared the latest revision of the statewide Preservice. Members need to review and bring to the next meeting any comments or concerns.
- Rick Robertson the new Waiver Services Coordinator – Rich has been on the job for only a few weeks. He had just reviewed the previously submitted job descriptions for support coordinator liaisons. He needs to touch base with liaisons on what they think is appropriate, work also with Carl, and Central office. He suggested starting focus groups to improve communications. He is meeting with each liaison and supervisor to determine the expectation and needs for communications and training and resources (liaisons).
- Supported Employment- Kim Houston, and Valerie Reed Martin will meet with WSC's to discuss ongoing gathering of SEP data, They will be meeting with VR to discuss data to be used in 5year plan.

Transition Concerns:

Gale Kleine and Frank Vizzione , Back Rubs to Go, Inc., and Everett Ferreira (consumer) attended the meeting to present concerns about the elimination of Message Therapy as a waiver service.

Advocating for massage therapy, Everett told his story on how Message therapy has enable him to participate in the community. He has a daughter diagnosed with developmental disabilities. Without the services he receives he would not be able to work, and support his daughter.

Rebecca Vasey had invited them to attend this meeting. She also receives message therapy which enables her to use adaptive. Without it she is more dependent on other services.

Carl – Asked on conf. call to submit 08/09 budget, how much money was spent on MT, justification of need. We need medically necessary justification. Submits information to Tally, Contact Association for SB & CP may be able to , add statistics, Ask for Everett to contact SB association to submit LBR, letter. Frank Farkis pain study, was skewed. Not linked usually with Chiropractic. Dennis Jones in the Senate may be a contact. Gale sent video to CMS to advocate.

Contact MW site for National waiver, check with ARC, Diane White for FWSC, and other.

APD web site: – Working with Central office. Marcy will contact.

SunCoast region update:

Carl continues to explore funding for an IRIS system telephone tree – 16,000 to contact 10,000 people in a year as many times as needed. He is addressing this with Jane Johnson, looking at Disaster planning to connect to grant money. He stated that he is making progress.

Carl met with Barbara Hawkins to discuss, accessing the Delmarva consultant's email addresses. Marcy will follow up with Core consultants.

FCC – A few steering committee members attended the last Family Care Council meeting. The purpose was more of a getting to know you and reviewing the roles of each committee. The FCC looks more at operations, and the Steering committee deals with Quality assurance over site. Every FCC has a member who attends the statewide FCC which in turns communicates with Central office. SunCoast Region has two budgets, and separate meetings. There are plans are for 4 sub-groups, with possible quarterly meetings of the chairpersons to work collaboratively on pertinent issues.

The steering committee needs to write a letter to the Pinellas group, Bev. DeStories, requesting appointment of representative.

Patty suggested that the FCC contact old members to become re-involved. Look for more organization. Carl will be having a start up group meeting, for Manatee. In time it would be good to have a steering committee member to attend the Administrative group.

Conference calling for members:

Glorie Singleton was asked to pursue requesting a phone jack for the conference room at DD Center office.

Other Issues:

Glorie Singleton - Outreach- Working with AFIRE on information FAIR to take place on Oct. 6 in St. Petersburg. There, also, will be a Grass roots touring with our Legislators on Aug. 21. The group will be talking with consumers from the Clusters, and PARC. It was suggested that they also speak with consumers who are using SEP and SL services and have question and answer time. Media would be only at the final meeting after the tour. Diedra will be working with media at PARC or cottages. Representative from Headquarters will also be there. Rebecca suggested that we have a list ready to give legislators of families who would like to participate in "Day in the Life with ____" Frank asked that WSC not to immediate dump services. Some families are reacting to the letter that went out to eliminate the service. Contact WSC liaison and move up the food chain.

Heart and Hope conference, Aug 17 & 18, 17th is professional day with CEU's, 18th families and consumers. Check web site. FND.org, They have three different news letters. They have space on web site address.

PARC is hosting the Florida ARC conference at the Vanoy in St. Pete. Look at PARC web site for information. PARC looking into Special needs shelter even though funds didn't get approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm. The next full meeting will be July 26, 2007 at the Regional office, 1313 N Tampa Street, Suite 517, from 9 AM to 12 Noon.