

SUNCOAST REGION QUALITY  
STEERING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes  
August 23, 2007

**Attendance:** Carl Littlefield (APD), Rebecca Vasey (Consumer of Service), Deborah Morgan, (Provider/Support for Ms. Vasey), Stephanie Lang (Medicaid), Betty Beauchaine (FCC), Tom Nurse (Parent), David Hawthorne (Provider), Jennifer Stone (Provider)

**Guest:** Glorie Singleton, (APD), Community Liaison, Gale Kleine (provider), Frank Vizzione (provider)

**Not in Attendance:** Karlton Ballard (Transition), Deborah Davis (Transition), Marcus Hall (Provider), David Brown (Consumer of Services), Dierdra Walker (Provider), Cliff Capron, (Consumer of Services), and Don Mailler, (Provider/Support for Mr. Capron), Patty Rendon (WSC), Joanna H. Rydzewski (Parent), Patricia Hayston (Family member), Beth Kelzer (WSC), Marcia DiGrazia (AQL)

Meeting began @ 9:00 AM at the Regional office.

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The minutes from the **July's** meeting were tabled for approval.

Introductions were made.

**IRIS presentation:**

A representative from IRIS gave a presentation of what the system could do for the Region and people it serves. Highlights include the ability to get emergency messages out in a rapid manner as well as noncritical messages that need to be communicated to specific groups (providers, families, etc.). Comments concerning funding were discussed and suggestions ranged from requesting funding from the Department of Emergency Management (letter already sent) to requesting sponsorship from a local company. One of the concerns that came up was how long it could take to have the funding in place for the system. The committee agreed to form a subcommittee to address this issue. The subcommittee will be headed by Tom Nurse and Jennifer Stone.

**SunCoast Region update:**

Glorie Singleton briefed the committee on some upcoming events and the availability of the regional newsletter. An article about the committee that was written by Jennifer Stone will be included in the next newsletter.

Carl Littlefield briefed the committee on some current issues that are occurring.

**Discussion:**

Several issues were discussed during the remainder of the meeting the first issue was the recent letter informing APD recipients of changes that were occurring concerning limited support coordination. The common theme from this discussion was that the letter did not provide enough information about what this meant or how the issue was going to effect recipients. It was suggested by several in attendance that the only thing these letters did was scare the letter recipients. It was stated that the letter only notified recipients about changes and did not address what this potentially truly means to them.

Tom Nurse presented the following recommendation that was approved based on the consensus of those in attendance:

**Recommendation: The committee is recommending that letters involving changes or eliminations in service need to have follow up explaining what it means and need to include clarity on the implementation and effects to recipients.**

Potential changes to the current waiver support coordinator position were also discussed. The main concern was what this was going to mean to service recipients.

The following recommendation was approved based on the consensus of those in attendance:

**Recommendation: The committee is recommending that questions concerning "What assurances are going to be put in place to monitor quality" if these changes occur be drafted and forwarded to Linda Mable with a carbon copy also sent to Jane Johnson.**

David Hawthorne informed the committee that he was going to be stepping down as the Chairperson. Jennifer Stone was nominated and accepted. There were not enough members present to form a quorum and the voting will be addressed during the course of the month.

The meeting adjourned: 11:45. The next meeting is September 27, 2007 at the 1313 N. Tampa Street office. From 9 – 12.