

MR/DD Self-Direction Committee Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2007

Members Present:

Amber Hinkle
Russell Sickles
Frank Kirkland
CeCe Brown
Angela Bryson
Karen Davis
Rose Lowther-Berman
Linda Higgs

Sally Birchfield
Ralph Rodighiero
Susan Given
Jon Sassi
Penny Hall
April Goebel
Kevin Smith

Visitors:

Scott Miller and Karen Boles



OPENING:

The meeting opened with announcements: Frank Kirkland will be leaving going to New Jersey and CeCe Brown will be leaving and going to Bureau for Senior Services.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

All information that was agreed upon will be in bold and caps. We will keep “Parking Lot” on thing we need to discuss.

Motion was made by Linda to accept minutes, Seconded by Kevin. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS/QUESTIONS:

Length of time to complete process: 21 months. We need to address issues for Legislatures session (in a year). Other issues: OHFLAC Rules, CON Summary. There are certain steps we will have to take for each issue.

Con Summary Process – Need to move away from this process. We need to have recommendations as to why and justify all changes. Case Management services can be provided by independent person and other services to another entity.

COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION:

Chair responsibility- facilitation, make information available to all members of committee, and take command of table when meeting needs to move on.

Motion was made by Linda to nominate Jon Sassi to be chair, Seconded by Ralph. Voted – Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Frank to nominate Linda Higgs as Vice-Chair, Seconded by Angela. Voted – Motion Carried.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

Do values go along with principles? We need to know if we keep this wording or change. It was determined that the values do reflect statements.

Motion was made by Linda to keep Guidelines in minutes, Seconded by Frank. Discussion: Amber sent Jon information through e-mail and wanted to know if that information was added into the values. Jon didn't receive the e-mail. Amber will resend. It was decided, if information is sent through e-mail; bring a hard copy to committee meeting. E-mails aren't the best way to get information out we need to send the information out as well and it will be posted on our website. Motion withdrew by Linda; Second Motion was withdrawn by Frank.

Motion was made by Linda to discuss this issue at the next meeting when the new information is added, Seconded by Frank. Motion carried

COMMITTEE MEMBER EDUCATION:

Self-Direction options – CeCe distributes handout. There are a few different options -- Budget Authority and Employer Authority or a combination of the two there is also Micro-board.

BUDGET AUTHORITY – Person is allocated a budget, based on needs, and they have control over it by choosing the type of services and the amount of services they want within that set budget. They do have to choose a minimal amount of health and safety services. They can choose certain services or a complete array of services. They do not have control over staff, provider would maintain that. There are things in the manual that would have to be changed or deleted.

EMPLOYER AUTHORITY – Person chooses staff, hires and fires, accountable for HR (with supports). Support Broker would help with information on hiring and firing, etc. Have to have a back-up plan for supports. Fiscal Employer Agent helps as a bookkeeper – W2, taxes, etc. Another option would be to go through agency to receive staff.

MICRO-BOARD – Set-up a company with a Board of Directors, etc. Another option, CeCe didn't see any information with Self-Directed Waiver. Scott/Jon will get information and present next meeting.

SUB-GROUPS:

Regulatory (CON Summary – Jon (CeCe sending information to Jon, Licensure Issues - Rose, AMAP) --

Service Inclusion (What services are in or out) --

Self-Direction – (Review other states) – April, Russell, Susan, Sally, Linda

EDUCATIONAL:

Need a copy of renewal, the template and Waivers of other states that have been approved. Also need information on individuals (feedback) from individuals who are using self-direction. We might be able to use NCI feedback from those states. Those are just general questions and will not help us out. Can we get someone who can give us a side-by-side comparison?

NEXT MEETING:

Review Template
Go over Principles/Values
Time Frame on Sub-groups (some will need to be started before others)
Whole day or half-day meetings
What model of Self-Direction to go with



PARKING LOT:

- AMAPS
- Staffing Capacity
- Nursing
- Agency Incentive (Budgeting)
- Fear of taking Self-Direction choice becoming a flag for eligibility.
- How is/will Positive Behavioral Support be defined?
- What if the person can't find anyone to hire and the agency doesn't have staff to spare what happens?



NEXT MEETING –

February 13, 2008 at Bureau of Senior Services