

MR/DD Self-Direction Committee  
Initial Meeting  
October 11, 2007

The meeting was called together following presentations on the implementation of Cash and Counseling programs at a generalized level by Kevin Mahoney and the A/D Waiver Personal Options program in West Virginia by David Horvath (PPL) and Brian Holstine (BoSS).

Persons in attendance for the initial meeting:

Susan Given, Russell Sickles, Kevin Smith, April Goebel, Ralph Rodighiero, Angela Bryson, Karen Davis, Linda Higgs, Amber Hinkle, Sally Burchfiel, Marcus Canaday, Frank Kirkland, Pat Winston, Cecelia Brown, Rose Lowther-Berman, Tina Maher, Cindy Beane, Brian Holstine, Jon Sassi, Melanie Carte and David Horvath.

Persons unable to attend the initial meeting:

Penny Hall and Randy Hill.

The participating members of this committee are as follows:

Susan Given, Russell Sickles, Kevin Smith, April Goebel, Ralph Rodighiero, Angela Bryson, Karen Davis, Linda Higgs, Amber Hinkle, Sally Burchfiel, Penny Hall, Marcus Canaday, Frank Kirkland, Pat Winston, Cecelia Brown, Rose Lowther-Berman, Tina Maher, Jon Sassi, and Randy Hill.

The meeting was initiated with a round of introductions and a short statement on the hopeful outcome of this endeavor.

- Role of committee members is commitment and the desire to work cooperatively in addressing all aspects involved and in the development/implementation of this type of a program.
- Formalizing the Committee due to the important role of this group and to maintain the committee as a “sanctioned group” through the use of “Roberts Rules” (copy provided to all).
- Establish that the timeline will need to be prior to the Waiver renewal date in 2010.
- Mission centered on: Helping to provide input to the Department in developing the self-direction option for the MR/DD Waiver
- Acknowledge that the fiscal identity will use the Government Model using a single fiscal intermediary.

Open discussion was held that addressed expectations, method and sources of input, stakeholder identification and the fact that West Virginia has chosen to go with a government model in the fiscal/support part of this Waiver option. It was agreed that the committee would also communicate via email.

