

MR/DD SELF-DIRECTION COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 12, 2007

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM?

OPEN MEETING

MEETING MINUTES REVIEWED

OLD BUSINESS/QUESTIONS

COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

Chair versus Facilitator Decision

Voting procedure selected

Vote

Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Nominations

Voting procedure selected

Vote

WELCOMING OF ELECTED LEADERSHIP

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Feedback presented

Validate/Change initial principles based on feedback discussion

COMMITTEE MEMBER EDUCATION

Fiscal Employer Agency (FEA) Models Discussion

Budget Authority

Employer Authority

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Outline the initial subtasks of the Project Development

(this is to help outline the agendas and to become process driven)

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

MR/DD Self Direction Committee Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2007

Members Present:

Karen Davis with Kathryn McCormick
Angela Bryson
Susan Given
Jon Sassi
CeCe Brown
Paulette Justice (representing APS Healthcare)
Russell Sickles
Sally Birchfiel
Penny Hall
Kevin Smith with Peggy Johnson

Members Absent:

Marcus Canaday
Ralph Rodighiero
Frank Kirkland
Pat Winston
Rose Lowther-Berman
Tina Maher

Visitors:

Scott Miller

OPENING

The meeting opened with a review of the use of Roberts Rules by the committee.

MINUTES REVIEWED

Then the minutes for the last meeting were reviewed. Review of the minutes lead to a discussion on the style and presentation to provide easier reading and identification of actual outcomes. The change was accepted by members present through consensus of open discussion.

MINUTES WILL BE AGENDA DIRECTED WITH GENERAL DISCUSSION NOTES AND OUTCOMES TARGETED.

Request was made to go back and restyle the minutes from the November 2007 meeting into the adopted style. Minutes held back for reformatting and representation.

OLD BUSINESS/QUESTIONS

Opportunity offered to review old business or questions regarding any materials that have been made available. No discussion in this area.

COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

Request made to consider continuation of this process with the members present. Discussion was open to consider the use of an actual Chairperson versus a Facilitator. Outline of Chair responsibilities would be beneficial if the committee would make use of that type of formalization. Option asked about the use of an outside facilitator to manage the meetings, even if a Chair were in use, to help keep the committee on track. This would require an unbiased facilitator.

NEED TO ACCEPT OTHER MEMBER'S INPUT FOR DECISION OF USE OF A CHAIRPERSON VERSUS A FACILITATOR AS THE LEADERSHIP STYLE AND POSSIBLE DEFINITION OF RESPONSIBILITIES INVOLVED IN OPERATIONAL STYLE.

This discussion, lead into further discussion of how accomplishment will lead to the completion of tasks for this committee. The concern was over the completion of tasks with a changing number of members in attendance. General discussion acknowledged that not all members would always be available so the use of the Agenda guidance of the meeting would permit prior input by members, the minutes would represent discussion and highlight outcomes and the committee will maintain the process with available members.

WELCOMING OF ELECTED LEADERSHIP

This section was unnecessary today.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

General feed back received by members was requested. Generally, a level of interest was identified. Mr. Miller asked if his input had been forwarded. It had not been received to present. So the committee asked for Mr. Miller to state his input.

Mr. Miller presented the following:

- Believes that it may be an error to state that “any member can direct” is a naïve comment. The MR/DD Waiver member should have the opportunity to participate in self-direction. “Can” versus the opportunity to access support(s) to participate.
- “Health and Safety” is professional jargon and then what is it really going to address. This leads to a concern of how “health and safety” may overshadow the ability to actually participate in self-direction.
- The use of the term “Team” as related to the current (medical) concept of Team or as defined by supports requested or identified as necessary in the development of person centered planning.
- That “control and responsibility” also be paired with necessary support.

The discussion then began on the initial guiding principles. A general concern about how choosing the self-direction model would affect eligibility reviews/outcomes was identified. Could loss of eligibility be based on a person's ability to self direct? The definition of access, quality and self-direction will need to be clear to define this whole Option within the Waiver. These definitions will also assist the committee in guiding the development within "value based ideals".

Recognizing that this will provide growth in a direction that will not capture every individual situation, but will need to attempt to offer a level of participation or viable options within self-direction, then what will be the foundational ideals.

Open discussion lead to the identification of terms to judge the guiding principles against in the determination of guiding principles. Those terms were choice, quality, respect, education/support, access, self determination, responsibility, flexibility, risk and presumption people can with/without supports.

This instigated a discussion on how to maintain topics that may rise from other discussions as progress is made. Concern with this is that side or additional discussion areas may divert from progress on a main topic. The committee agreed that a "parking lot" would be maintained as an attachment to the agenda. This would keep the side issues identified and allow for prioritization within the development process.

A "PARKING LOT" WILL BE KEPT CURRENT AND ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA FOR ISSUES IDENTIFIED NEEDING TO BE ADDRESSED OR CONSIDERED DURING THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

From the discussion on values, options, choices and principles; the following was agreed upon.

SELF-DIRECTION WILL BE AN OPTION THAT ANY PERSON ON THE MR/DD WAIVER MAY CHOOSE.

SELF-DIRECTION WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING (FOUNDATIONAL) VALUES:

CHOICE

QUALITY (to be determined in how to use as a factor)

RESPECT

EDUCATION

ACCESS

SELF DETERMINATION (define clearer within framework)

DIGNITY OF RISK

RESPONSIBILITY (outlined within framework)

(NECESSARY) SUPPORTS

FLEXIBILITY

MR/DD Self Direction Parking Lot

- Fear of taking Self-Direction choice becoming a flag for eligibility.
- How is/will Positive Behavioral Support be defined?