

Area 2 Steering Committee Minutes

Date: February 24, 2009

Location: APD Conference Room, Cedars Executive Office Center,
Tallahassee; Chipley (by phone); Quincy (by phone)

Attendees: Mavis Smith (by phone)
Jimmy Wells
Blake Little
Lou Ogburn
Debbie Smith (by phone)
Martha Coley (by phone)
Lynne Daw (joined the meeting at 10:45 a.m.)
Nilda Barreto (facilitator)

Absent: Janet Graham, Peter Prater, Floyd Booth

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. EST by Mavis Smith, Area 2 Steering Committee Chairperson.

Introductions:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of January 6, 2009 were approved, with a motion by Lou Ogburn, seconded by Jimmy Wells. The motion passed.

Old Business

The committee discussed the legislative training which was held in January. The survey results were all good. Marianna had 30 attendees and Tallahassee had 24. Mike Dunn's presentation and handouts were excellent.

Other Old Business

Mavis Smith said that several months ago we discussed transportation fees. She verified that the way the fees are calculated for Leon County are not the same as in rural areas. In rural counties the costs is \$1 per trip mile divided among the folks on each trip. Therefore, the implementation of Tiers and Rebasing has caused transportation cost for some Consumers (that had otherwise not been effected) to increase due to fewer people on the routes. Debbie Smith's current transportation cost are varying from the previous \$8 per day to as much as \$27 per day. In Tallahassee, transportation is a fixed amount per trip. Mavis Smith has attended the Disadvantaged Transportation Planning meeting and cost is an issue for rural transportation providers.

.New Business:

The committee then discussed where we go from here. They reviewed the purpose of the Steering Committee which included looking at Delmarva data. The Steering Committee is responsible for attending the IQC meetings and the development with quality issues at the local level. Nilda Barreto believes the committee is headed in the correct direction.

The committee discussed the mindset of the Delmarva reviewers and how reviews are conducted since it appears they are not the same from time to time. Perhaps there is a possibility of looking at the Delmarva data and making recommendations from it. Blake Little wants to see the scoring from Delmarva on what his agency has control over only. Nilda Barreto suggested that the Central office might intervene and ask Delmarva not to review what could not be controlled. Lynne Daw said she would talk to the point person for Delmarva.

Mavis Smith suggested that a small group (Blake Little, Mavis Smith, Martha Coley and Nilda Barreto) serve as a committee to review a summary of all the information from Delmarva on a quarterly basis. The members of the Steering Committee will have to sign a confidentially agreement and the subcommittee will meet on April 7, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.. Jimmy Wells moved this suggestion, seconded by Lou Ogburn and the motion passed.

Lou Ogburn moved that discussion of the next Steering Committee project be tabled. This was seconded by Blake Little and the motion passed.

The next full committee meeting will be held April 14, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Other New Business

None

Adjournment:

There being no other business, it was moved by Martha Coley, seconded by Jimmy Wells that the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Approved by: _____

Date: _____