

Suncoast Region Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2014

Mission: *To promote continuous improvement of the Suncoast Region's service system by providing recommendations and guidance thereby encouraging effective, quality services that supports individuals with developmental disabilities.*

Meeting Date: 3.10.2014		Meeting Location: APD (Tampa Office) 1313 Tampa Street Tampa, Florida 33602	Next Meeting: <u>April 14, 2014</u> APD (St. Pete Office) 1201 102 nd Avenue North St. Pete, FL 33716
Meeting called by	William Rambaum , Chairman		
Facilitator(s)	William Rambaum , Chairman and Thomas Nurse , Co-Chairman		
Note taker (s)	Kym Mason , Member and Janis Alberti , Member		
Timekeeper	William Rambaum , Chairman		
Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ William Rambaum , Chairman ❖ Thomas Nurse, Co-Chairman ❖ Anne Hendon, APD-Liaison ❖ Betty Beauchaine, Parent/Member ❖ Janis Alberti, Provider/Member ❖ Ann Graybal, Parent/Member/FCC-Liaison ❖ Shanita Richardson, Enrolling WSC/Member ❖ Gary Goodwin, WSC/Member ❖ Kym Mason, Provider/Member 		
Tele-Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Rebecca Vassey, Consumer/Member 		
Absent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Marcia DiGrazia, AQL Liaison-APD ❖ Shaqounna Fowler, Consumer/Member ❖ Dane Jones, Provider/Member ❖ Gary Hartfield, Provider/Member ❖ Mary Fuller, PHD/Member 		
Call To Order – Minutes Review			
10:00-10:15AM	The meeting was called to order by William and February's Minutes were reviewed and adopted as written.		
General Discussion			
10:15-10:20am	Steering Committee's Discussions-Promulgation of New Handbook		
New Medicaid Handbook	The meeting opened with discussion of the Steering Committee's questions regarding promulgation of the new rules into law. The questions were as follows		

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General Discussion – Continued	
New Medicaid Handbook (Continued)	<p>1). Are there any Administrative pulls with the implementation of the Draft Medicaid Handbook? 2). How realistic is the Committee's request for a Status Report on the rule making process?</p> <p>The committee questioned its ability to impact on how the government works. Bill noted that government usually works this way when it comes to making laws. Rules often precede promulgation of laws. It was noted that the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) must have public forum hearings. It was noted that Personal Supports were not a services offered in the new rules, and how will "due process" be ensured.</p> <p>It was further noted that Committee's pursuit to get answers to these questions will be at the risk of being viewed as pests. It was further noted to ignore these questions and continue practicing the new rules could be a "slippery slope" for providers and families.</p>
10:20am-11:30am	<p><u>Training Resolution Letter</u> William suggested the Training solutions formulated in last month's meeting be documented in letter and submitted to APD Central Office.</p>
11:30am-11:45am	<p><u>I-Budget Additional & Supplemental Funding</u></p> <p>The Committee discussed additional & supplemental funding to I-Budgets. Questions regarding the Moreland Money were lodged. What is the amount? New QSI can support request for additional funding. It was noted that I-budget work better with supplemental funding.</p> <p><u>APD Link to Training Resources Network TRN</u> TRN now offers web based courses for providers & families. TRN provides 24 hour access to courses that are service specific to meet APD's requirement for ongoing training</p>
11:45-12:00N	<p><u>Wait List - Status Report Data</u></p> <p>The Committee discussed the ongoing need for Score Card type data on Customers on the Wait list. This data would provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ # of people served ➤ # of people enrolled ➤ # of people on waitlist ➤ # of people dropped off
Regional Update – Quality Assurance – Quarterly Meetings	
	<p>APD and Delmarva continue to have quarterly meetings to review the regions performance. Performance in the area of Background Screening shows improvement. There are ongoing issues with Behavioral Services. In regards to Billing discrepancies, providers can void claims and the money goes back to the Consumer. If the claim is old money does not go back to the Consumer but to AHCA. Provider Pay Back funds also goes back to AHCA.</p> <p>Data shows improvements for Supported Living and Supported Employment. This improvement is credited to an increase in tailored training in this area.</p> <p>Data provides Consumer Reviews, Links for Provider Scores and Surveys. General Revenue caseload numbers are 500-600.</p>
Advocacy Opportunities	
	<p>Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day will be held in Tallahassee on March 18, 2014. Every other month the Family Care Council (FCC) wholes its statewide meeting.</p> <p>Ann Graybal distributed FCC Informational Flyers to members to provide to Consumers and Families at their locations.</p>
12:05pm	Meeting was adjourned by William Rambum.

