

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: 4.14.2014

Meeting Location:
(St. Petersburg Field Office)
 1201 102nd Avenue North
 St. Petersburg, Florida 33716

Next Meeting: **May 12, 2014PD**
(Tampa Field Office)
 1313 Tampa Street
 Tampa, Florida 33602

Meeting called by

William Rambaum, Chairman

Facilitator(s)

William Rambaum, Chairman and Thomas Nurse, Co-Chairman

Note taker (s)

Mary Fuller, PHD, Member and Janis Alberti, Member

Timekeeper

William Rambaum, Chairman

Attendees

- ❖ **William Rambaum , Chairman**
- ❖ Janis Alberti, Provider/Member
- ❖ Ann Graybeal, Parent/Member/FCC-Liaison
- ❖ Shanita Richardson, Enrolling WSC/Member
- ❖ Kym Mason, Provider/Member
- ❖ Marcia DiGrazia, AQL Liaison-APD
- ❖ Shaquonna Fowler, Consumer/Member
- ❖ Melissa Godena, Personal Support
- ❖ Dane Jones, Provider/Member
- ❖ Gary Hartfield, Provider/Member
- ❖ Mary Fuller, PHD/Member
- ❖ Michelle Tolini, APD/Clinical Supports
- ❖ Debra Noel, SE/SL Liaison

Tele-Conference

- Thomas Nurse, Co-Chairman**
- ❖ Betty Beauchaine, Parent/Member

Absent

- ❖ Rebecca Vassey, Consumer/Member
- ❖ Patty Rendon, Rendon's Supports-WSC
- ❖ Gary Goodwin, WSC/Member

Call To Order – Minutes Review

10:00-10:15AM

The meeting was called to order by William and March's Minutes were reviewed and approved with revisions. Introductions were then made from all attendees. *The group agreed that it would help to record our meetings to ensure accuracy.

General Discussion

10:15-10:20am

Steering Committee's Discussions-Response from Michael Taylor on Waiting List

Wait List - Status Report Data

Status Report Data

Marcia reviewed an email from Mr. Taylor, who answered our request from last meeting. Consumer files are currently being scanned into the system.

General Discussion – Continued	
<u>Wait List - Status Report Data</u>	<p>The Committee discussed the ongoing need for Score Card type data on Customer's on the Wait list. Most questions can be answered by looking on the APD web site, under News>Frequently answered questions. The data from Mr. Taylor :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ # of people served – currently transition from Wave II – 4, ➤ # of people enrolled – through crises - 15 ➤ # of people on waitlist - 4,944 ➤ # of people dropped off – Not know at this time, files being purged after calls and certified letters. <p>Micelle Tolini gave an update to those figures: 22,000 consumers on the Waiver and approximately 20,000 consumers on the Wait List. Mr. Taylor also added that the gleaning of Consumer files and entering into the new data system. There were several more question regarding the interest in seeing comparison data. Marcy will relay that to Mr. Taylor.</p> <p>The members requested a spreadsheet that would show monthly, over time the total of SC consumers and those on Wait List, those transitioned by Crises, by transitioned by each Wave, and criteria. Currently there are 6 categories in which a person may qualify for the Wait List. There were discussions regarding possible reasons why a consumer and/or family would turn down the service of Supported Employment for those on the Wait List. It was determined that continuous education of all is very important.</p>
10:20am-10:30am	<p>Bill Rambaum suggested that we set up a sub-committee to brainstorm how APD can access outside trainings, via internet. Anne Graybeal, Marcia Digrazia and Dane Jones volunteered. The group met after this meeting and scheduled this meeting to be located in St. Petersburg on April 29th from 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM.</p>
10:30am- 11:15 am	<p><u>Supported Employment- Update of funding</u></p> <p>There are approximately \$135,000 for Supported Employment for consumers on the Wait List from 18 – 24 years old. The funding was initially set up with the parameters of 18 yrs. – 22 yrs., Pinellas, Hillsborough and Lee Counties. Debra Noel and Jim Vidrine have contacted all schools requesting referrals. Not until just recently have they received any referrals. The parameters have expanded to include the entire Suncoast. There is only 2 months left on the current funding. It was suggested by Tom Nurse that we should ask for an extension from the legislature. Debra said she would follow up on that suggestion. There are, 68 on the wait list that were referred, 18 are employed, and the goal is 30 to be employed. It was noted that the funding can be used for many facets of job process. Ms. Noel stated that she sends reports on this funding frequently but at least monthly. Another resource now available is through Family Network on Disabilities – Pathways to Employment. They have started working with MacDonald Training Center, Inc. There are also a list of 7 community businesses that have stepped up to hire those with disabilities. Tom Nurse requested an update on the number of WSC providers that have taken SSWI training.</p>
Advocacy Group Update	
11:15 am-11:30 pm	<p><u>Residential Client Government – Update</u></p> <p>Michelle Tolini and Michael Taylor are in discussion regarding this group. Her understanding from Mrs. Williams that this is a self-advocacy group, both opportunities and education. Shaquonna Fowler's understanding is to gather with other consumers to come up with success stories to share with others as encouragement. Bill Rambaum asked that this committee get together and develop a purpose statement, goals and objectives by our next meeting. He also requested that they come up with a different name of the group.</p>

Regional Update – Quality Assurance – Quarterly Meetings

11: 30 – 11: 45	<p><u>Michelle Tolini for Geri Williams</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. There is a Stay placed on iBudget letters going out. It may be another couple of months before the letters will go out.2. There is an expansion of Supplemental Funding criteria.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Michelle will send out a more specific situations
<p>Announcements</p>	
11: 45 am – 12:00pm	<p><u>Marcia DiGrazia</u> announced the upcoming Provider Meeting on April 21, 2014, both morning and afternoon sessions. Ft. Myers will be on Conference call during the morning session.</p> <p><u>Gary Hartfield</u> stated that he will be putting together a strategic plan for a possible presentation to legislature in September, 2014. On Behavior Focus, Forensic Group Homes</p>
12:00pm	Meeting was adjourned by William Rambaum and seconded.