

**PLANNING FOR ALTERNATIVE RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS
WORK GROUP
PLANNING GROUP CONFERENCE CALL NOTES
Monday, June 22, 2009 @ 2:30 PM**

Planning Group Members Participating:

Judy Owen
Susan Gold
Doreen Stewart (for Casey Stewart)
Margaret Hooper
Debra Dowds
Latarsha Williams
Celeste Putnam

Members of Public on Call

Lila Klausman
Susan Thiele
Joe Pivinski
Tito Balducci
Jack Kosik
Donna Roberts
Cher Gill
Simone Tetreault
(Note: Additional members of the public may have called in)

Judy Owens chaired the Planning Group conference call and began by reviewing the first three bullets of the Attendance/Participation at Alternative Residential Options Work Group Meeting outline. The bullets reviewed and agreement reached was as follows:

- All work group meetings will be open to the public. All work group meetings will have a designated time period at the end of the meeting for public comments. This will provide all attendees an opportunity to provide comments on the discussions/issues raised within the work group. After the first work group meeting, attendees offering public comment will be asked not to repeat what has already been stated. *Planning Group members agreed with this bullet.*
- Attendees at the Family Café were asked to sign up for information on the dates/locations of the work group meetings. Additional individuals/organizations will be identified to provide information to attend, including but not limited to the League of City, Florida Association of Counties, Governor’s Commission on Disabilities (Bryan Vaughn). Information on these meetings will be sent directly to these individuals and any other

person who specifically requests the information. *Planning Group Members agreed with this bullet.*

- All work group meetings will be posted on the council's web-site. *Planning group members agreed with the addition that the summaries of each of the meetings would also be posted on the council's web-site.*

Debra Dowds noted that while the outline for attendance/participation had been sent to Jack Kosik, the members on the public did not have the description of the work group initiative as approved by the council last week. Ms Dowds reviewed the highlights of the work group description. She stated that she would provide the members of the public on the call with a description of the initiative if they would send her their email address. Ms. Dowds email address was provided.

Judy Owens reviewed the outline bullets pertaining to the invited representatives, location of meetings and dates of meetings.

- Actual participants on the work group will be representatives of the diverse viewpoints and various stakeholders in the system. Participants will be by invitation.
- Initial draft List of Participants (Consensus Builders): *(Planning group agreed to the following list of participants with revisions as noted.)*
 - Legislative/Executive Branch:
 - Rep. Stragel
 - Rep. Sachs
 - Senator Altman
 - Rep. Galvano
 - Governor's office representative: TBD
 - Service Providers and Advocacy Organizations *(Planning group agreed to send letters to organizations for lead person or their designated alternate)*
 - Agency for Persons with Disabilities: Jim DeBeaugrine
 - Agency for Health Care Administration: Beth Kidder or designee with knowledge of DD Waiver
 - FARF: Suzanne Sewell
 - ARC/Florida: Deborah Linton
 - Florida Assoc. of Support Coordinators: Janice Phillips
 - Friends of Floridians with Developmental Disabilities: Susan Goldstien
 - Advocacy Center: Sylvia Smith

- FDDC: TBD (*Debra Dowds will represent the FDDC on the work group*)
 - Individuals and Families (*Planning group agreed to send letters to organizations for lead person or their designated alternate*)
 - Family Care Council: Betty Kay
 - TASH: TBA
 - Autism Society: Ven Sequenca
 - ADAPT: Richard Chapman
 - Parents Planning Program: Lila Klausman
 - Noah's Ark: Jack Kosik
 - Immokalee Non-Profit Housing: Sheryl Soukup
 - 2 individuals/families identified by the Home Choice Coalition (*Changed to 1 individual/family. Debra Dowds will work with Jack Kosik as to the coalition referenced and the individual to be identified.*)
 - 2 individuals/families identified by the USF/Florida Center for Inclusive Communities (*Changed to 1 individual/family*)
- Location of Meetings: Tallahassee (*There was a request to move the meetings around the state or to hold one meeting in the central part of the state. It was decided that the meetings would have conference call capability so that additional interested individuals can hear the discussion and participate in the public comment period at the end. The discussion of the planning group was to hold all the meetings in Tallahassee but to discuss it again at the July meeting.*)
- Possible Dates for July Meeting: (*The meeting date was set for July 24th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.*)
 - July 13th
 - July 14th
 - July 20th
 - July 21st
 - July 22nd
 - July 23rd
 - July 24th

Public Comment: (Note: these notes do not capture all the public comments.)

- Susan Thiele: Concerned about her ability to attend the meetings. She would like to have one of the meetings in the center of the state. Judy Owens offered to provide a call-in number for the meetings. Also, she stated that at the July meeting we can discuss whether to hold a meeting at another location.
- Simone Tetreault: Asked if the agenda and materials for the meetings could be made available for the public in down loadable form. Debra Dowds explained that the summaries of the previous meetings would be put on the web-site. The agendas and as much of the meeting materials as possible could be added.
- Jack Kosik: Suggested Loveland Center and Charlie Richards (Coalition for Affordable Housing) be added to the work group. He also suggested that the council consider involving the Shannon Dasworth with the Coalition for Supported Housing. Mr. Kosik also asked if the deadline for the final report could be mid-December.