

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc Health Care Task Force Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2008

Members Present:

Michael Smith
Beth Kidder
Phyllis Sloyer

Wil Blechman
Chris Drummond
Sandra Sroka

Susan Redmon
David Wood
Karmel McCarthy

Members Absent:

Carol Scoggins

Jeff Brosco

Staff Present:

Debbie Richards
Vanda Bowman

I. WELCOME and REVIEW of AGENDA & MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by David Wood. The previous meetings minutes from the January 25, 2008 meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: Sandra Sroka motioned to approve the minutes. Chris Drummond seconded the motion. Motion carried

Dr. Wood also asked for a review of the March Council meeting minutes and asked if there were any changes or issues that needed discussion. The only item that was related directly was the changes in the schedule for encumbering funds for task forces. The Council elected to have set internal goals at six (6) and twelve (12) month intervals rather than on a quarterly basis.

II. OLD BUSINESS

FODH Strategic Plan

A strategic planning meeting was held in February and attended by a number of HCTF and Council members. The role of FODH was defined as collecting information about health access and care for individuals with disabilities, monitoring and reporting information on the data collected. It was asked by the Task Force how they define disability. It was concluded that they use the federal definition which is broad. The HCTF provided funds to increase the number of stakeholders in the February strategic planning meeting.

The group expressed interest in obtaining the Chart Book on Disability. Staff will check with University of Florida to see if we can get copies of the book for the task force members.

Survey of APD Waiver

Debbie Richards discussed the APD Waiver Survey being completed by FODH. Approximately 450 persons have been contacted with information provided by Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) prior to the development of first report. There will be 1,000 people surveyed, with half of the individuals over 21 and half under 21. The information collected will be used for APD planning, information for the Legislature, and assist the HCTF in developing projects to help individuals on the waiting list who do not have the type of coverage needed for therapies/services, especially ones that are time sensitive.

Capitol Update

The Capitol update details bills that we follow

a. Medicaid Buy-In Initiative

This initiative is not looking real promising because there is a dollar amount attached to it; thus far, the only things being passed have no costs associated with them.

b. Autism Bill

This bill has gotten a lot of concern from the Governor. The Autism Task Force was developed due to this bill. There are lots of individuals from diverse backgrounds supporting this bill.

c. Health Care Transition Bill

This bill has been promoted by Jax Hats. Many of the items covered in the bill are things proposed by the HCTF Health Care Transition Strategic Planning Process RFP which has been released. The task force may want to help that process along since the funding in the bill has been eliminated.

d. Early Steps Alert

An alert was sent out to protect funding to serve children with developmental delay

e. Oral Health

The University of Florida received a grant to train physicians in health departments to do procedures on disabled persons.

MOTION: Wil Blechman motioned that the Task Force take this on as a priority. Chris Drummond seconded the motion. Motion carried. Phyllis Sloyer requested that a representative from SOHIP be involved.

Health Care Goals/Objectives

Revisions from the previous Task Force Meeting on January 25, 2008 are listed for review or approval. Susan Redmon gave accolades to Debbie Richards for doing an outstanding job of presenting the goals and objectives in the format that was easiest to review and finalize.

Health Care Transition Strategic Plan

The RFP is out and proposals are due on April 25, 2008. David, Chris, Susan, Karmel, and maybe Sandy are interested in reviewing. A team will be established after the proposals are received to rule out anyone with conflicts of interest.

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

Budget

The Budget Summary for the HCTF was reviewed. There is currently \$1,007 for 2007 and \$115,813 for 2008 that still needs to be committed/obligated.

The \$4,000 for that had been approved for Access was discussed by Debbie. After reviewing the information available it appears as though there is not enough clarity on exactly what would be produced or how it would be marketed. This concept needs further work.

The follow-up continuation proposal for Medical Necessity was reviewed. The group decided that they would like for Celeste Putnam to revise the proposal to map a process instead of producing more reports. The recommendations from the project are very good and the group would like to proceed with involving the individuals needed to make the changes recommended in the report. Debbie will contact Celeste about the revisions. The group would also like the cost to be closer to the original contract. Both Phyllis and Beth are interested in working with this project.

There were three alternatives presented for continuation of PIT. The different approaches were reviewed and the group decided that that it would support the 3rd alternative calling for a competitive procurement for continuation.

MOTION: Beth Kidder motioned to adopt Option III with a new infrastructure funding up to \$37,500. Michael Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Task Force discussed training self advocates to advocate for themselves in their community as the CL Task Force would like the other task forces to share in funding the Self Advocacy project. The Task Force posed a question to Chris Drummond, a Task Force Member, as to whether or not Grass Roots was helpful to him and his reply was yes.

MOTION: Beth Kidder motioned to contribute \$7,500 to the Community Living Self Advocacy project which would include some training on advocacy for health care. Susan Redmon seconded the motion. Chris recused himself from the vote. Motion carried.

Other ideas that were discussed as potential projects included:

- A Health and Wellness Program for developmentally disabled clients that may provide information/motivation similar to an employee wellness program. Betsy Wood from DOH may be helpful in providing guidance on this.
- Early Identification and Intervention – utilizing community supports
- Recognition – An expansion of You Make a Difference for Health Care –including ways to identify best/promising practices, marketing and replication, and recognition.
- Assistance to support the dental fluoride varnish training for health care providers.

The Task Force discussed adding resource members. Chris Drummond suggested adding Karen Rogers. David Wood asked Chris to submit a brief biography about Karen Rogers. Michelle Polland also provided names of two individuals for ESE but we need to discuss this with Michelle since we can only appoint one representative who would need to come on a consistent basis. There was also discussion of adding individuals with a marketing background. Both Phyllis and David had ideas of individuals who may be good additions. No decisions were made to add anyone to the HCTF at this time.

The next Task Force meeting has been scheduled for July 11, 2008. Hotel availability will be checked out with the first choice of utilizing the Tampa Airport Marriott again.

MOTION: Phyllis Sloyer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Beth Kidder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.