

## **Minutes for CD/ED Interim Call**

Friday, November 6, 2009

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Present: Kathy Henderson, Jill McElyea, Renee Valletutti, Lillian Sigler, Sally Golden-McCord, Enrique Escallon, Judy Owen

Absent: Jordan Knab, Selina Oshannon, Sandy Osborn, Susan Gold, Michele Polland and Jacqueline Needleman.

Staff present: April Katine and Bonnie Newsome.

### **Minutes**

Approval of minutes from Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 task force meeting

No corrections – **Renee moved to approve the minutes from the October task force meeting and Jill seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### **Disability Awareness Literacy**

April informed the task force that we have two quotes and the best quote is for 122 sets of 15 books in each set.

Sally recommended the request for projects be sent to early learning coalitions as well. April indicated that would be easy to do and will be included. April asked for volunteers to help read and pick recipients for the books and Kathy, Lillian and Renee volunteered.

**Lillian moved to approve the project concept and Enrique seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Childhood Screening** April gave the task force a report on the research into the Childhood Screening April is working on scheduling a call with AWI (Amanda Moore) to work together to explore how our help could be useful and what issues we need to consider. April will report back after this call.

**Prepaid Services Plan** April briefed the task force on what has been happening with this workgroup. They were moving along at a good pace and then they hit some concerns about tax implications and Medicaid issues. The group will be looking for someone from the IRS to come speak to the group to get information that is credible and won't set families up for tax penalties when they try and use the plan. They will also get more information about implications for Medicaid.

**Due process White Paper** April informed the task force that she and Rose Coster have finished revising the White paper. As soon as Bonnie fixes the formatting and table of contents and Allison Cruz-Mitchell looks at it April will get the paper to the task force for comments. It should be to the task force by Thanksgiving.

**Inclusive Recreation** April, Karen Pelham and Allison Cruz-Mitchell have been doing a lot to try to get them back on target. April has been visiting the training programs. Debra Dowds, Karen and April met with the provider last week. We are working on how to get numbers of individuals participating in inclusive recreation. Debra came up with the idea for the provider to survey the recreation staff they are training and the parents they are presenting to about six months after the training to ask if they are including people with DD in their programs and for parents if their children are being included. We are also being much more specific in the contract with them that we are currently negotiating. The task force said it is ok to let them know if we don't get the data on how effective this year's program is, we may not fund this project with this provider in the future.

### **Part C**

April informed the task force that the RFP has been released and we need a volunteer to serve on the RFP selection committee. Jill McElyea volunteered to be on the RFP selection committee. Kathy Henderson volunteered to be on the advisory group for this project.

### **National Autism Conference**

April will be attending the first two days of the Autism Conference in South Florida next week. Sally asked if April could grab an extra packet for her and bring it back. April said she would.

**Higher Ed survey** April asked for volunteers to help develop survey questions for the higher education survey. Judy Owen, Lillian Sigler, Renee Valentutti, and Sally Golden-McCord volunteered.

**Project Source** April said she would send the Final Report and Action Plan to the task force and then asked once it is approved if the task force wanted it posted to the FDDC's website. **Enrique moved to put it on the website once it is reviewed and ok'ed by the task force. Renee seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

The task force asked that anytime the minutes are sent out for approval they will be sent showing track changes to show the changes that were made so that they don't have to review all of the minutes. April indicated she would start doing this.

Meeting was adjourned at 2 pm.