

Affiliation Self Determination Workgroup Meeting Minutes:

February 11, 2004

10:00am to 1:00pm

Location: Gratiot CMH

Present at the meeting: Bob Clingenpeel (GCCMH), Lynne Jones (ICCMH), Julie Dowling (ICCMH), Mary Ellen Papes (NCMH), Dan Alonzi (GCCMH), Carolyn Hilley (GCCMH), George Ott (MBCMH), Ingemar Johansson (MBCMH), April Fitzpatrick (MBCMH), and Kim Zimmerman (Affiliation)

Absent: Meeting Minutes: Judy Scott (ICCMH), Bea Stevens (NCMH), Michael Brashears (CEICMH), Pamela Stants (CEICMH), and Tom Knudtson (CEICMH)

The meeting minutes from November 2003 were approved without revisions.

Affiliation Newsletter: We discussed completing the Affiliation Newsletter every other month at this time. We will look at increasing it to every month once we have initiated other elements of Self Determination. **The deadline for submitting articles for the March 2004 edition will be March 5th.** The newsletter will then be disseminated around mid March.

Consumer Empowerment Specialist (CES) Role: We talked again about what the CES's role is to be. Everyone was reminded that the CES works for the entire Affiliation and that every agency should be taking advantage of this resource. We talked about the CES getting more involved with each agency by attending trainings offered related to SD/PCP. Each agency representative will think about ways to utilize the CES to promote SD/PCP.

Meeting with Allegan CMH Representative: It was suggested that we set up a meeting with Beth Durkee from Allegan CMH as Allegan is currently implementing many components of SD that we have not yet started (use of FI's and individual budgets). It was determined that they may be a good resource to us. Ingemar Johansson volunteered to talk to Beth about this and will see if she can attend a meeting in either May or June 2004.

Grants: It was suggested that we all should also keep our eyes open for any potential grants available that may help us to establish components of SD/PCP and bring in trainers/speakers.

Meeting with Dave Short: It was also suggested that we try to set up a meeting with Dave Short to talk about ways we can implement components of SD within our system. Carolyn Hilley will contact Dave to see if he can attend our meeting on March 10th in Ionia.

Pam Werner/Tom Renwick meeting: We discussed our upcoming meeting with Pam and Tom. It was suggested that perhaps we need to rethink inviting Mike Head to attend as well. It was suggested that we may end up asking questions related to SD and that Pam and Tom might not be the right ones to address these issues. Pam is also working much closer with Mike Head at this time and it may be beneficial to invite both of them, instead of just Pam. The group requested that Kim Zimmerman run this by Ken Slater and Bob Sheehan for their opinion and to see if they feel anyone else should be invited as well.

We then discussed topics/questions/concerns that we would like to talk with Tom and Pam about. They are as follows:

Questions:

- Does DCH have a vision and what is it?
- Who sets the standards/requirements for PCP?
- Will there be standards/indicators set for SD?
- Who monitors the interpretation of the standards/requirements?
- What are the training requirements for the DCH auditors?
- Is Mike Head the one person directed the efforts in the state? Does he set the standards for SD?

Issues/Concerns:

- We often get conflicting/different information about SD/PCP standards/requirements when we talk to different people? Is there a way to increase consistency with information being given out to CMH's?
- DCH is being seen as a punitive organization (a got'cha system).....
- The current system is too focused on the process and the system rather than on outcomes for consumers

Ideas:

- Present DCH with idea of controlling small amounts of individuals budgets instead of trying to control the entire budget...have this be done on an individual basis on what makes sense for each person
- Offer to assist with setting interpretations to go along with each standard/indicator to improve consistency among auditors

Each workgroup member will send me examples of inconsistencies of information they have dealt with from DCH.....they will also send me further questions/concerns/issues/ideas to add to the list above.

Other: We talked again about establishing trainers within each agency to complete the SD/PCP training. It was decided that we should set up a training to train the trainers rather than having each agency responsible for training their trainers.

Each agency will bring a list of people who they have chosen, and they have accepted, as trainers to the next meeting. A training will then be set up for them.

Next Meeting Agenda: Group members are to send agenda items to Kim.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be at **Ionia CMH on March 10, 2004 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Dave Short will be our guest.**

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Kim Zimmerman
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