



Consumer & Family Advocacy Work Group

Minutes

October 6, 2010

11:00 – 12:00

Attendees: Rebecca Herr, Mary Sterritt, Angie Lawson, Ami Garry, Mary Pat Graham-Kelly, Quinn Lung

Action items:

- Action item: Find status of Colorado NAMI applying for a Commission mini-grant
 - Responsible party: Jennifer Hill
- Action item: Discuss scheduling mental health first aid sessions with WE Can
 - Responsible party: Mary Sterritt
- Action item: Review revised flyer/information sheet to recruit new advocates
 - Responsible party: Ami Garry, entire work group
- Action item: Review status of modules
 - Responsible parties: Rebecca Herr, Mary Pat Graham Kelly, Mary Sterritt

Agenda item: Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Picture taking will need to be done at the next meeting due to lack of time.

Laura Douglas and Jan Dabroski are no longer able to attend work group meetings, so the group will need to find others to assume the role of work group co-chair and mental health and substance abuse module lead.

Agenda item: Review of action items

- Action item: Find status of Colorado NAMI applying for a Commission mini-grant
 - Responsible party: Jennifer Hill
 - Ongoing; Jennifer was unable to attend the meeting. At last month's meeting, she had reported that NAMI was in the process of exploring funding options.
- Action item: Discuss scheduling mental health first aid sessions with WE Can
 - Responsible party: Mary Sterritt
 - Ongoing; the group will need to think more about who will participate in the training and when it should be schedule. Given the upcoming holidays, it may be best to wait until after the first of the year.

- Action item: Scope of work discussions with module leads
 - Responsible party: Mary Sterritt, Rebecca Herr, Jan Dabroski, Mary Pat Graham
 - Ongoing; Mary has discussed the modules with Mary Pat and Rebecca, but Jan has stepped down as a module lead.
- Action item: Discuss Consumer and Family Work Group vlog with Anne Marie.
 - Responsible party: Angie Lawson
 - Status: Completed; Anne Marie just started a new job and cannot commit at this time.
- Action item: Discuss Commission's timeline for vlogs with Cliff Moers.
 - Responsible party: Mary Sterritt
 - Status: Completed; The Commission recently moved, and their editing equipment was stolen in the process. They hope to get the vlog started in January after they get new equipment.
- Action item: Present flyer/information sheet to Core Team for approval.
 - Responsible party: Mary Sterritt
 - Status: Ongoing. The Core Team did review the flyers and information sheets and requested changes. The work group will need to review the revised flyer/info sheet at the next meeting.

Agenda item: Module leads present content for module

Mary reported that an instructional designer has been hired, so module leads should get her a list of the designs they are interested in, such as PowerPoints, online training, etc.

- Personal & Community Advocacy
 - The materials from MHAC seem to be very good, so the module will be based on their materials and modified for DHoH perspectives
 - Rebecca is waiting to meet with a representative of MHAC to review the PowerPoint they use for training and see how extensive it is.
 - Rebecca is working on role-playing activities.
- Deafness & Hearing Loss
 - Mary Pat has reviewed different websites on deafness and hearing loss and has decided to focus more on the hearing loss aspect for now. This is because there appear to be fewer resources already developed regarding hearing loss as compared to many resources on deafness. She has been in contact with several organizations and is waiting to see if her contacts are able to get permission to release some of their materials to her. She is optimistic that they will be able to do so.
 - The group suggested some additional resources, such as training from the Hearing Loss Association, PEPNet, and WORCC in Western Oregon. Government websites of other countries, including Canada, the United Kingdom, and New Zealand are also good resources.
 - There is also an organization working on deafness, which attempts to build unity in the community. There has previously been controversy in the deaf community regarding different communication options.

- Mental Health and Substance Abuse
 - A new lead for this module will need to be identified. Jennifer Hill had previously advised that Mental Health First Aid would probably be the best starting point as far as material.

- The group decided that the module leads should meet with Mary to discuss the next steps in preparation for the next point of the timeline.
 - **Action item:** Module leads meet with Mary