

Council on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Equality
Behavioral Health Committee Meeting
March 15, 2011
Independent Resources, Inc.
Wilmington, DE
1:00 pm

Present: Christy Hennessey (Chair); Loretta Sarro, DODHH; Joshua Weinstein, MCC; Christine Zenorini, Connections; Kyle Hodges, Staff.

Interpreter: Pamela D'Occhio

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the January 18, 2011 meeting as submitted.

Additions to the Agenda

- Deaf/Hard of Hearing Peer Specialist
- Statewide Interpreting Registry

Chair Report

Christy will include Christine and her club for Consumer Recovery Coalition of Delaware monthly meetings at DSAMH.

Business:

Delaware Psychiatric Center Interpreter Policy – Follow-Up from 1/14 Meeting with Steve Dettwyler

Christy referred to an email (handout) from Kyle to Dawn Rogers and Tracey Carpentier, commenting that we were waiting for a final copy. Kyle gave a review of the process had requested a copy of the information that Bruce Ashbaugh (Chief Operating Officer) had submitted. Kyle commented he will follow-up on this with Dawn and, if he does not get a response, he will contact Kevin Huckshorn. Christy suggested that if some of the information is unclear or vague, we could have a meeting about it. Once the policy is finalized, Kyle will ask DSAMH who they contract with for interpreters or is there is a list of qualified interpreters that they use.

February 7th Behavioral Health Fair Planning – Follow-Up

Christy spoke about the evaluation results, saying that progress was being made. Josh commented that the overall average score was high. Christy commented that she had expected a higher number of people to attend (one had an issue with parking). Loretta commented that parking in the new facility should be better for next year. Loretta commented about complaints regarding the background noise from the refrigeration system. Christy and Loretta commented

that the presentation by Marcia was too broad in the beginning, but more specific only towards the end. Loretta commented that the role playing was very good. Christine suggested that a panel discussion would have been beneficial. Loretta spoke about a joint retreat with SCPD, DDC and GACEC she attended where topics are chosen by the group and discussed, adding that she really like this idea.

Mental Health Survey for D/HH Results

This was tabled for the next meeting.

Statewide Interpreting Registry

Josh stated that Pennsylvania has a website that can be utilized for interpreter services. Kyle suggested putting this on the CODHHE agenda and commented that it is worthy of revisiting.

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Peer Specialist Training

Loretta provided information (handout) on this training, including contact information. Kyle will follow-up to get someone from the Institute for Recovery and Community Integration to present at the next May or July BHC meeting.

Announcement

Josh announced that on April 2nd at 10 am CHOP is hosting a workshop for Deaf and Hard of Hearing parents to know what services are provided.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 2:40 pm.

The next meeting will be May 17, 2011 at 1:00 pm at IRI in Wilmington.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Singles
Administrative Specialist
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