

Residential Issues Meeting
August 13, 2012
DDS Office
104 South Turnpike Road
Wallingford, Inc. 06492

Attendance: Carin Mancini, Laurie Herring, Peter Mason, Katie Banzhaf, Pat Tyler, Pauline Bouffard

Minutes of May 14, 2012 review – no changes noted

Review of Work Committee

Steering Committee meeting once per month and going through numbers trying to look at hours needed for typical group home (direct support hours). Looking at typical staffing patterns for 2, 3, 4, and 5 bed homes. Rate will be set according to house size. Working to identify homogeneous homes, looking at LON's and patterns. May not start rate changes with all homes but hope to start some by next July 2013.

Community Companion Home:

Individual Home Supports:

Data Management: Make more efficient, budget now operational – CCH Program – enhanced rate for individuals – planned respites

Sustainability: Sustainable for individual and agency.

Implementation: Going back and looking at issues with PRC – URR – for instance doing electronically – no paper – Looking at committee regarding self-determination and residential

The residential issues committee reviewed the results of the survey on adaptive technology. It was stated that we have a lot of work to do to get the word out about technology that is available. Need to educate everyone about technology. Carin gave a good example about a talking med box that can be set up, much less that the need to have a staff come in to administer meds if the individual can use this device.

We need to be able to identify what an individual can do – use an assessment process – help people be as independent as possible. Use OT, PT, or Nursing to identify needs and see if and individual can use new technology safely.

It would be good to have trade shows – DDS have a technology fair for providers and families. Vendors will want to sell their products therefore families will need to be well informed about the use. The cost of technology is high. How will we assess who will benefit?

In retrospect regarding the technology survey, we should ask the agencies who participated – who filled out the survey? Pauline will ask Meriden-Wallingford – Laurie will call the other agencies.

Committee would like to still go to ABD – Carin will Call Nicole. Hanna from Dungarvin, Inc. also has information regarding homes with adaptive technology and will be called to see what they can offer for information about new devices or equipment.

Committee set meeting dates as follows:

1 to 3 pm at DDS Office in Wallingford

September 14th - Wednesday

October 10th – Wednesday

November 14th – Wednesday

December 10th - Monday

We all have assignments to do!!

Carin will look into what type of assessments we might want for new adaptive technology equipment.

Pat T – will do augmentative communication – new technology

We will all research technology that will promote health, safety and independence; send information to Carin. (Carin said she would look into having a spot on the DDS website to put information regarding technology.)

Laurie will follow up on the survey with agencies.

Residential Issues Committee will need to develop a policy on Technology.

Committee needs to complete Technology Options sessions so that we can move on to Aging in Place and Identifying new/creative residential options.

Submitted by,

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