



**Community of Practice
for Supporting Families of Individuals
with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities**

Person Centered Residential Supports Committee

October 24, 2013 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

CT Non-Profits

Hartford, CT

*These are draft minutes. The final minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Attendance: Josh Scalora, Varian Salters, Tammy Garris, Laurie Herring, Sandra Trionfini, Alison Jacobson, Laura Bloch, Jossie Torres, Linda Minervini, Kelley Kendall, Katie Rock, Robin Wood, Lisa Weisinger-Roland, Lucie Oxton

Absent: Bernadette Jackel, Shannan Jacovino, Linda Rogen, Diane Southworth, James LoMonoco, Morna Murray

Discussion Items:

1. **Introductions:** Committee members introduced themselves and talked about why they were interested in this committee.
2. **Overview of the Community of Practice:** Robin Wood reviewed the Community of Practice initiative and the different committees that have been set up.
3. **Discussion on Individual Residential Supports:** Peter Mason discussed the goal of the committee was to expand and enhance creative housing options that are based upon person-centered planning and personal choice. Committee members discussed the current Department of Developmental Services (DDS) residential system, their knowledge of the system, the observations of the members on how the system has helped or hindered the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities, and the current issues facing the DDS.
4. **Discussed the role of the Person Centered Residential Supports Committee:** The committee should be not be structured on what the department wants to do, but what the committee members want to do. The Community of Practice is a 4 year initiative to bring together various stakeholders to move the mission of the department. The discussion seemed to focus on four components:
 - I. Person centered housing
 - II. Bricks and mortar – Should we focus on having more residential type buildings?
 - III. Supports = what supports (new or current) are needed to ensure housing is person centered?
 - IV. Communication- What and how can we communicate to families and other stakeholders to educate them on the DDS system and available community resources?

5. **Next Steps:**

- The committee will meet in November to develop short and long term goals.

(The Community of Practice (CoP) initiative requires the committee establish Measurable Replicable Results: Group goals will be developed based upon baseline data. Goals will be written in a SMART manner. (**S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**ttainable, **R**elevant, **T**ime-Bound). Group goals and activities will be reviewed and approved by the larger CoP community. Progress reports will be submitted to the CoP facilitators on a quarterly basis.)

6. **Ideas for the Committee:**

- The group should decide on what individuals and/or groups should be invited to be on any subcommittees or attend a future committee meeting.

7. **Next Meeting:** November 20, 2013. Peter to book videoconference line.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Peter Mason

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