



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

Person Centered Residential Supports Committee

November 20, 2013

8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Video Conference

In attendance: Katie Rock, Tammy Garris, Alison Jacobson, Kelley Kendall, Linda Rogen, Lisa Weisinger-Roland, Laura Bloch, Sandy Trionfini, Laurie Herring, Bernadette Jackel, Jim LoMonaco, Angela Piccerillo, Nicholas Huskes, Varian Salters, Morna Murray, Peter Mason

Not in attendance: Lucie Oxton

1. Introductions.
2. Minutes approved from the October 24, 2013 meeting.
3. The committee discussed the Goal Development document. This led to discussions regarding person centered residential options. A model used at the Spurwink Residential School was described where individuals live in the home and staff provide supports for 10 days and switch with other staff for four days. The L'Arche Community was also identified as a possible model as well as house parenting. The committee discussed whether we needed to define the need. It was estimated that 90% of parents would probably choose a group home for their child to live. "Parents don't know what they don't know."

The discussion began to center on person centered supports and how planning should be based on that concept. It was decided that the group would receive a refresher on person centered planning in terms of what it means and how it can be incorporated into the goals of the committee.

The committee needs to look at the options over the entire lifespan of individuals and not just for a particular moment in time.

The committee also discussed the difficulty it is to speak for individuals with disabilities and their and families. We need to engage in reaching out to all stakeholders to ensure everyone has a voice in this matter.

4. The committee decided to break into five sub-committees.
 - I. Survey Committee – The committee decided to survey the individuals/parents on what they know about DDS and residential options and which residential options would be best for themselves or their son/daughter.

Chair - Bernadette Jackel

Committee members - Katie Rock, Morna Murray

- II. Housing Options Committee – Research, review, identify best practices for housing options.

Co- Chair - Morna Murray

Co-Chair – This is a big task and a DDS staff will assist Morna.

Committee members – Varian Salters, Jim LoMonaco, Lisa Weisinger-Roland

- III. Communication Committee- Review current system and communicate to parents what is available. (Some of the other Community of Practice committees are looking at communication as well. We will need to keep in touch with them so we don't duplicate our efforts.)

Chair – Alison Jacobson

- IV. Person Centered Planning Committee – To review the concept and how it can be retrained to individuals, families, DDS case managers, DDS resource managers, individual team members and DDS private providers.

Co- chairs - Kelley Kendall and Laurie Herring

- V. Research Committee – To identify what resources are available, what other states are currently doing, who are we talking about, and how many people need housing.

Co- chairs – Katie Rock and Nick Huskes

5. The committee decided to next meet in January through the video conference format. Peter will send out an email to find a mutually acceptable date and time.

Respective fully submitted,

Peter Mason