Technology Committee

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

Date of Meeting: October 15. 2:00- pm- 4:00 pm   Videoconference

Attendance: Chris Blake, Amy Blazawski, Carlos Colon, Susan Klick, Siobhan Morgan, Josh Scalora, Pam Smith, Robert Smith, Robin Wood

Absent: Beverne Cordner, Hannah Jurewisz, Arleen Lugo, Karin McMahon, Kathleen Stauffer

Discussion Items:

1. **Overview:** Robin reviewed the Guiding values handout and the Technology document handout that was sent to the committee members. All committee members indicated they understood the purpose, goals and underlying guiding values of the committee.

2. **Membership:** The group agreed that the following individuals/groups should be invited to the next committee meeting.

    Nicole- ABD- Shiobhan to send Robin correct email address.
    NEAT- Robin to invite
    Paul Ford from MFP- Siobhan to invite
    Opening Doors Family Latino Group- Robin to contact
    Autism Division-Robin to speak with Jenn Bogin
    West Region-Doug Duford- Siobhan to contact
    West Region Arc's- Pam to contact
    CCMC & Hospital for Special care- Amy to contact
    Vets- Bob to contact
    Masonic Care- Siobhan to contact
    Bob Gormand- CIL

    All committee members are encouraged to welcome whomever else they feel is appropriate. Please let Robin know if anyone agrees to attend next meeting, or agrees to join the group.

    *Vendors will be invited to make presentations on specific topics

3. **Interests:** Committee members were asked to talk about why they were interested in this committee and what they hoped this committee will accomplish over the next four years:

    Chris: Simple, accessible devices, less bargaining about prices.
    Carlos: help others learn to use technology and not be afraid of it. Help make technology more affordable. Find out how to use technology programs to learn new skills.

Amy: have an interest in IGAZE- a program that uses your eye movement to choose items on a keyboard. Would like DDS to branch out to a non-traditional world and look at new ways to communicate with people. Also works with different groups such as ophthalmologists

Pam: Expand knowledge to make technology more accessible to individuals and families, remote monitoring is an important way to help people become more independent.

Josh: Better access to information. Currently no-user friendly technology system is available to DDS consumers and families. Most state websites are not accessible. We need to make sure regulations don't limit what we can do. Am passionate about developing a useable, portable system for people we serve.

Siobhan: A lot more people are using technology than they know. Want to help people we serve be more independent. Don't want to use remote monitoring for the wrong reasons- to monitor people against their wishes or without their consent. Want to help providers use technology in ways that work for them.

Susan: Want to make sure everyone has access to technology not just a few. Also want to think about how we can use technology to help prevent abuse and neglect.

Robin: Technology helps increase the status and self-esteem of individuals as well as helping them to become more independent. Want to make sure all people we serve can find, get and use technology they need with ease.

4. **Ideas for possible Projects:**
   Carlos: How to get IP teams to assess technology needs and get technology goals into IPs.
   Pam: Teach people how to get, understand and make effective, flexible use of technology assessments
   Siobhan: Help people figure out if they should buy or rent technology

5. **Next Steps:**
   - Josh and Robin to research use of "big Tent" to share materials- As Arlene to share examples of good technology assessments and assessment best practices advice/materials
   - Everyone to follow-up with invites to make sure we have the right people at the table.
   - Everyone to research best practices and share information you discover with the group.
   - Everyone to think about the goals you'd like to achieve
   - Everyone to disseminate the attached technology rights handout with stakeholders

6. **Next Meeting:** Possible dates November 5 or 12th. Robin to send out a confirmation email and book videoconference line. Pam has agreed to take minutes at the next meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Robin Wood