



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

Technology Committee

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

Date of Meeting: December 16th, 10:AM am- 12:00 pm

Attendance: Chris Blake, Pam Fields, Doug Duford, Robin Wood, Kathy Bobenski and Chet Fischer.

Absent: Josh Scalora, Robert Smith, Beverne Cordner, Hannah Jurewicz, Arleen Lugo Crescento Secciaroli, Susan Klick, Siobhan Morgan, Amy Blazawski, Carlos Colon, Karin McMahon, Bob Gorman, Bruce Stovall, Elisa Velardo, Katie Hanley, Lara Chiaverini, Larissa Gionfriddo, Latasha Linwood, Nicole Cadvious, Thomas Bradley and Kathleen Stauffer

Discussion Items:

Minute's approval

Dates for upcoming 2015 meetings

Tech Idol

New HR Director

Human Rights Flyer

CoP Website

Brochures

Pam- update

Robyn –update on committees

- 1. Minutes approval:** The group reviewed the last meeting minutes. Robin will add those in attendance to the minutes and disseminate, other than that all accepted minutes.
- 2. Upcoming 2015 dates:** Dates were disseminated at the last meeting, however Robin reminded people to have the 2015 dates in your calendars- meetings are rotated between Wallingford and the TECH ACT demonstration sites. * NOTE for snow/cancellation concerns please e-mail Robin directly.
- 3. Tech idol:** Lara was not present to update folks on the Tech Idol video. Unfortunately there have been budget cuts, but this will not mean this won't get done. Although funds may not be available, we can use the DDS video production area to create a video. Robin will speak with Lara about sending out a Video Idol application.

4. **New HR Director at C.O.:** Robin announced C.O. has a new HR director. She and Beverne will be meeting with him to develop to discuss the creation of general worker assistive technology positions.
5. **Human Rights Flyer:** Chris announced he edited the Assistive Technology Rights flyer. He will also be working with Robin on getting some suggestions for the DD Counsel, P&A and UCEDD.
6. **CoP website:** Robin will send a draft to members. The draft is one page including best practice, minutes and will perhaps include the recent 11/12/14 UTube video links.
7. **Technology Brochures:** Currently we have two brochures and people seem to like both for different reasons. It was decided we will use both and place them on the website. The brochures are brought to Road Shows to explain how Assistive Technology can be used across the Lifespan.
8. **Pam-update:** Pam shared that information is not always accessible. Robin said she will send out the Assistive Technology information forum “family supports website” that reads to you. Robin will look at why DDS does not have the reader option feature on our website.

Pam also mentioned mobile employees now have a way to work mobile and save money. Iphone apps with “genius scan” can now accommodate mobile employees to check in and save agencies money this way.

Lastly, Pam shared as a result of the Michael Smull project that there will now be at least seven PCP trainers available to assist with PCP training across the state. The group will talk about how assistive technology can be incorporated into IP plans at the next meeting.

9. **Update on committees:** Robin is looking for someone to help Co-Chair the technology committee. We will talk about this again at the next meeting.

10. Next Steps:

- Robin will speak to Joan Barnish about doing a Tech Idol video through the video production center.
- Robin said she will send out the Assistive Technology information forum “family supports website” that reads to you. Robin will look at why DDS does not have the reader option feature on our website.
- Robin will send out the COP website information to the group.

11. **Next Meeting:** January 16 from 1:00-3:00 in the Wallingford office. Robin to send out a confirmation email with a phone number to call in, if needed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Douglas Duford

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