



*DDS Council Monthly Report*

*February 2009*

Meetings held and/or attended

- February 5<sup>th</sup> -Meeting at the LOB
- February 6<sup>th</sup> -QI Director's meeting
- February 9<sup>th</sup> -Met with CO Utilization Nurse
- February 11<sup>th</sup> -CHRO meeting
- February 17<sup>th</sup> -Met with West Region ARD
- February 18<sup>th</sup> -OBRA Meeting North Region
- February 18<sup>th</sup> -Met with DSS Alternate Care Unit
- February 19<sup>th</sup> -DDS council meeting
- February 19<sup>th</sup> -Met with West Region ARD
- February 19<sup>th</sup> -GCYD meeting
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> -Met with CO Utilization Nurse
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> -Inspector's meeting
- February 24<sup>th</sup> -Operation's meeting
- February 24<sup>th</sup> -Meeting regarding employment opportunities for department consumers
- February 27<sup>th</sup> -Met with Director of Operations

Concerns\ Issues

- Family call regarding placement. They stated they seemed to be at an impasse with DDS because private providers have deemed monies budgeted was insufficient to care for child. I inquired whether they had looked at more alternatives, they stated they were apprehensive because they are a member of the Arc class action suit, which expires in June of this year, and could receive even less money after June 1. I told him that if they did receive an amount budgeted less than they had been told it would not be because of the class-action lawsuit. I tried to reassure them that DDS cannot penalize them for being a member of the lawsuit and any retribution by department to penalize them for this is protected. They returned my call them a few days to thank me for my intervention in to tell me that they had received a call from the region.
- Executive Director for private provider called regarding a consumer and his placement to a nursing home from group home to improve medication administration. Individual needed skilled nursing care and it was decided that a skilled nursing facility would be the best choice for this individual at this time. When individual was capable of leaving the SNF they could return to a group home or the same group home depending upon how long it took for recuperation.
- Met with Jill Correnti, CEO of The Correnti Group, Inc. Trumbull. Company's mission is provide job creation for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Individuals would be placed in jobs based on merit and not just grouping into one category. Individuals with autism and higher functioning Asperger's could and would be placed in more than entry-level positions. CEO met with private provider who has agreed to give them free office space. They are now looking into grants for payment of staff. Spoke with CEO

regarding ways to apply for grants. Also, pointed her in to direction of individuals who might be able to assist her with startup.

- **Spoke with region regarding two families requesting assistance for placement of individuals. Region planned meeting with family to go over possible options regarding placement. Case manager of other individual met with family to go over questions and options regarding possible placements.**

### SNF

Met with CO utilization nurse, went over any issues or problems she encountered during visits to specific SNF's. Spoke with her regarding going out to collectively review SNFs.

Reviewed three consumers at Masonic Home & Hospital in Wallingford. Facility is a total care facility, from acute care to hospice. Files were in order. Charts and contact sheets were up to date.

First consumer was in day room engaging with other residents, involved in many activities and volunteer work. Consumer has a companion that comes in two times a week and receives many family visits. Consumer informed me that he had gone to a Neil Diamond concert.

Second consumer had severe behavioral issues, but looked in good physical condition. He was eating lunch and acknowledged what he liked and didn't like to eat.

Third consumer in room lying in bed, due to a skin condition and watching TV. He is involved in many activities including making rugs. He stated he has many friends.

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### *Areas of Concern*

- Case Management - 5
- Day Program - 4
- Eligibility - 8
- Funding/Budget - 3
- Information/Referral - 19
- Placement - 6
- Respite - 2
- Health & Safety - 2
- SNF's - 8

ISSUES/CONCERN TOTAL – 57