

Teleconference Meeting Minutes
Statewide Health Care Transition Services Task Force
Education & Training Subcommittee
March 2, 2009

ATTENDEES:

John Reiss, Ph.D., Subcommittee Chair, Institute for Child Health Policy at UF
Janet Hess, MPH, CHES, Project Facilitator, Early Childhood Council
Susan Redmon, RN, MPH, Children's Medical Services
Eleanor Cofer, RN, Children's Medical Services
Susan Havercamp, Ph.D., Florida Center for Inclusive Communities, USF
Patti Parisian, MPH, CHES, FSU College of Medicine
Janice Dunlap (for Robert Anderson), Department of Children and Families
Jordan Knab, Project 10, USF St. Petersburg

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Reiss called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

DISCUSSION

- Ms. Hess provided an update on the recent Services Subcommittee call and the legislative report:
 - The report has been very well received by Governor Crist and his staff. Senator Wise is considering introducing, during this legislative session, an amendment to HB 793/SB 988 that outlines the recommendations in the report. We are currently developing language for the proposed amendment with Senator Wise's office.
 - Dr. Wood tentatively is scheduled to present on the report in May to the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet. We also hope to present to the Governor's Commission on Disability.
 - A limited number of hard copies of the report are being printed; Dr. Sloyer also is working on producing some CDs for dissemination in Florida and other states.
 - Discussion in the Services Subcommittee call focused on planning and organizing local services coalitions. We expect to develop a planning guide to assist coalitions in that process.

- Ms. Hess reviewed the education and training recommendations from the report, and indicated that next steps are to look at ways to facilitate them, e.g., generate action plans around each of the strategies, identify costs and resources available to support the activities, etc. She will format an action planning document prior to the next call for the group to use.

- Jordan Knab gave an update on Project 10's activities:
 - They have hired 3 of the 5 regional representatives and have tentatively hired a 4th.
 - Later this month they will be conducting a needs assessment in each of the regions in collaboration with interagency councils. It will include a series of questions concerning health care transition; there should be some feedback on the assessments by mid to late April.
 - The web site, which is still under construction, will have a separate section on health care and will include the high school health care transition curriculum. Each district will have its own web page (with its own materials) that is linked to the home page.

- The Spring Institute on Transition will be April 22 at the Tampa Airport Marriott. Ms. Hess will send out that information once she receives it from Mr. Knab. She will work with Mr. Knab to provide an overview of our project and report at the institute.
- Dr. Havercamp gave an update on the disability curriculum she developed through AHEC:
 - The initial module on physical and sensory disabilities in adults has been submitted to the Gulf Coast AHEC; she is just waiting to hear that it is available. She will send a link when she has confirmation.
 - She would like to make this a series and include a module on transition issues. She's exploring funding opportunities through the CDC, and is open to any suggestions.
- Dr. Reiss and Dr. Wood have been working on video-based training modules for youth about how to make appointments, renew medications, etc. The video is specific to the JAXHATS program, but Dr. Reiss anticipates the information will be available to others. This will be completed within the next 6 weeks.
- Ms. Hess suggested the subcommittee try to schedule 4 calls between now and the end of May. Dr. Reiss will coordinate those meeting times.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.