

Meeting Minutes
Statewide Health Care Transition Services Task Force
For Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities

Education & Training Subcommittee
Teleconference Call
May 4, 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
Kristi Chapman, Florida Independent Living Council, Inc.
Eleanor Cofer, RN, Children's Medical Services
Judy Rosenberg, RN, Ph.D., USF Students with Disabilities Services
Bambi Lockman, Department of Education,
Janice Dunlap, for Robert Anderson, Department of Children and Families

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm.

DISCUSSION

- Ms. Hess provided some updates:
 - Two new Healthy People 2020 objectives for health care transition were submitted via Lanetta Jordan to a HRSA planning group: one for medical homes and one for health insurance coverage. The Task Force recommended the data for *all* youth and young adults be compared to data for youth and young adults with disabilities and/or special healthcare needs. We are waiting to hear back from Dr. Marie Mann, who chairs that particular planning group.
 - Susan Redmon, John Reiss, and Janet Hess attended the Project 10 Spring Institute on behalf of the Task Force, where they had the opportunity to talk to transition specialists and educators from the school districts throughout the state. There was a lot of interest about health care transition and the work of the Task Force.
 - The proposed legislation submitted to Senator Wise was *not* introduced this session due to all of the budget issues.
- Dr. Reiss commented that the Governor's Commission on Disabilities have been studying issues such as employment, access, and education this past year, and are beginning to look at health care issues. This could be opportunity to have some sort of forum/leadership activity regarding health care transition. He noted that Bambi Lockman is a member of the Commission.
- Dr. Reiss also raised the question of whether secondary and postsecondary education stimulus dollars may be able to support health care transition education.
 - Ms. Lockman explained that IDEA recovery/stimulus dollars will go directly to local school districts. Districts have just completed applying for the first 50% of IDEA stimulus dollars, and will submit their applications for the full 100% by July 1. They have until September 2011 to spend the IDEA money. The state provided recommendations to districts on how they could spend the dollars.

- Ms. Hess asked Dr. Rosenberg about information/access to IDEA postsecondary stimulus dollars, but she did not have any information at this time.
- There are also stabilization dollars for which the state has applied for a waiver, but Ms. Lockman could not speak to those funds.
- Ms. Hess continued discussion from the last meeting about development of a cross-disciplinary health care transition training module. Dr. Reiss has requested feedback by the end of June on modifications to the 6-hour CMS Care Coordinator module.
 - Janice Dunlap will help identify someone at DCF to review and add elements relevant to mental health issues.
 - Module development must be completed prior to submitting to the accrediting agency (ies); target submission date is September 2009.
 - One strategy is to provide free CME/CEUs for health care professionals through Gulfcoast AHEC. Ms. Hess also asked about the FDOE accreditation process for education professionals. Ms. Lockman responded that it would go through the professional development division for review and approval, and then be available to educators as a resource but not as a requirement.
 - Dr. Repetto at UF is separately developing an online course for undergraduate and graduate education and professional students (i.e., for students in training, including medicine, nursing, voc rehab, etc.). The target implementation date is January 2010.
- Dr. Reiss provided an update on development of a DVD version of FDDC's online health care transition training module for young adults and families. It will be completed in approximately 6 weeks; a draft with the content and dissemination information will be sent out by email. There will be approximately 10,000 DVDs in English, and 2,500 in Spanish.
- Dr. Reiss and Dr. Wood also are producing a series of short videos for the JaxHATS clinic to be completed at the end of July. These are targeted to youth, and focus on skills needed for active participation in their health care, e.g., 3-5 minute vignettes on how to check in at doctors' appointments, how to go about getting transportation to their appointments, and other related information. The videos will be available on the JaxHATS web site.
- We're waiting for formal results from Susan Havercamp on initial evaluation of the USF medical school disability curriculum.
- Ms. Hess addressed potential spokespersons for health care professionals and for youth.
 - Dr. Reiss said that the DVD training module already includes an introduction by a young adult, so it probably would not be used for that particular product.
 - Ms. Cofer suggested the Surgeon General, Dr. Ana Viamonte Ross, as a spokesperson for professionals. The group felt this was a great suggestion, so Ms. Cofer and Ms. Hess will investigate and report back. If we can get raw footage of Dr. Viamonte Ross, ICHP/Dr. Reiss can edit.
- The last subcommittee meeting is scheduled on Friday, May 29, from 3-4pm.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.