

Hillsborough HATS
Community Based Education and Advocacy Workgroup Conference Call
4:00pm – 5:00pm
February 1, 2012

On the call: Jacki Frost, Janet Hess, Diane Straub, Joane White, Marybeth Palmigiano

Co chair:

The group needs a co chair since Martha Kronk took a new position and is no longer with HHATS. It was decided to table this discussion until we had a meeting with the entire workgroup present.

Action Plan Review:

Joane White reviewed the Action Plan and identified areas that we need to work on this year.

Objective 1.3 mentor/advocate model was discussed. The CMS model has changed due to staffing constraints with care coordinators. To strengthen that model it was suggested that all social workers be provided with transition information and resources. Joane White will discuss this with Joanne Angel and also ask about doing training for social workers.

Janet reported that the transition bill in the legislature is probably not going to move forward. Instead of providing care coordination through age 26 it was suggested that we begin to transition kids earlier. If they transition at age 18 then they will have care coordination through CMS for 3 years to age 21. CMS accredited adult providers would then have an incentive to take the kids, they would be guaranteed to be paid and they'd have the assistance of the care coordinators.

Janet will speak with Dale Brown in Provider Relations at CMS about how to get providers accredited. Then we can work with the HHATS Services Workgroup to help get some of the 500 doctors in their adult provider database accredited.

Objective 2.3 Educate Legislators on Health Care Transition. This objective calls for self advocates to talk with legislators. Joane White reported that her clients are not inclined to do any public speaking. Marybeth mentioned that Richard Chapman wanted to start a self advocate ad hoc committee however we haven't been able to find a mentor for the committee to work with Richard.

Community Outreach Efforts:

We are still looking for opportunities to get out HHATS information. Marybeth will send a reminder to HHATS members asking them to inform her of upcoming meetings, newsletters and list serves where we might be able to send HHATs information. She will also review the Children's Board On line Calendar for upcoming events.

Next Meeting:

Janet suggested we have a full coalition in person meeting in April. We also discussed bringing on new organizations and new members from existing organizations. The full coalition meeting could be used as an introduction and overview for new members.

Action Items:

Marybeth Palmigiano – Send reminder to full coalition asking about upcoming outreach opportunities. Review the Children’s Board On line Calendar for upcoming events.

Joane White – Send contact information for Dale Brown to Janet Hess. Talk with Joanne Angel about providing transition information to social workers.

Janet Hess – Follow up with Dale Brown and the Services group about accrediting adult providers.