

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Statewide Health Care Transition Services Task Force**  
**For Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities**  
**Services and Models of Care Delivery Subcommittee**  
**Teleconference Call**  
**March 18, 2009**

**ATTENDEES:**

David Wood, MD, MPH, UF Department of Pediatrics; Subcommittee Chair  
Janet Hess, MPH, CHES, Project Facilitator, Early Childhood Council  
Evan Chrietzberg, Parent of teen with special needs  
Eleanor Cofer, RN, Children's Medical Services  
Martha Kronk, Shriners Hospitals for Children/USF  
Susan Redmon, RN, MPH, Children's Medical Services/DOH  
Judy Rosenberg, RN, PhD, USF Students with Disabilities Services

**Review of 2/11/09 Meeting Minutes:**

- Dr. Wood has been in contact with Dee Alexander from Senator Wise's office concerning language to support our recommendations in this legislative session. They are seeking co-sponsors from the House to possibly amend an existing bill that has similar context/orientation. Once there is a bill to support, Dr. Wood will notify Task Force members.
- The published reports printed by CMS are being mailed out soon. There currently are a limited number of copies but an additional supply will likely be available within the next couple of months.
- Ms. Hess noted that FDOE's new Project 10 office is almost up and running. They have hired 4 of 5 regional transition specialists, and are planning their Spring Institute on April 22 in Tampa (see attached flyer). Jordan Knab and Bambi Lockman are very committed to promoting health care transition within this new initiative, including a page on their Project 10 website, promoting the HCT student curriculum, and future participation in our regional HCT coalitions. John Reiss will give a short presentation about the work of this Task Force at the April 22 meeting.

**DISCUSSION**

- Ms. Hess discussed formats for the proposed strategic plan, which was drafted by extracting key information from the legislative report. The planning software program being used generates multiple reports; a couple of reports were forwarded to the Task Force for feedback. Comments from Subcommittee members were positive; they felt the reports were easy to understand.
- The 3 main objectives for "Services & Models of Care" are 1) establishing regional coalitions, 2) developing an information clearinghouse, and 3) evaluating/monitoring performance measures at the state and local levels.
  - Ms. Hess suggested that we focus on the first 2 objectives right now. In the 2/11/09 call, we began to collect best practices for treatment of pediatric onset conditions and chronic disease in youth and young adults. Dr. Jordan sent guidelines for clinical care of Sickle Cell Disease; Dr. Reiss sent a reference list and web site link that contains a wealth of information, [www.healthytransitionsny.org/guidelines](http://www.healthytransitionsny.org/guidelines).
  - In terms of coalition-building, Dr. Wood commented that we would find examples of coalitions among Sickle Cell, Spinal Bifida, and Cerebral Palsy - but there are not a lot of examples other than those.

- Ms. Hess noted that local public/private partnerships have been used extensively for maternal health (e.g., Healthy Start Coalition). There is a good example of a maternal health services model founded on community partnerships in Brevard County (see attachment).
- Development of local coalitions requires structure versus spontaneously getting people together, and Ms. Hess feels we may need to contract for assistance. She suggested looking at local Health Planning Councils since one of their areas of expertise is strategic planning. They might be able to facilitate some of this.
- Dr. Wood suggested approaching some foundations and asking them if they could fund a 1-2 year planning process. Dr. Wood asked all to brainstorm on ideas and explore local foundations.
- Ms. Hess suggested exploring resources through local health departments, i.e., see what resources they could tap into as coalition partners.
- Ms. Hess discussed using different planning models such as the TIP model (Transition to Independence Process; developed at USF) or MAPP (see [www.naccho.org/topics/infrastructure/MAPP/index.cfm](http://www.naccho.org/topics/infrastructure/MAPP/index.cfm)). Dr. Wood would like Subcommittee members to critique TIP to see what fits with health care transition issues. It was designed for mental health issues, so there may be some things that do not apply.
- Ms. Kronk will send information about Shriners Hospitals to Ms. Hess for distribution.
- Ms. Redmon forwarded a flyer titled "Lets Start a Conversation" in which DOH is looking for young adults aged 18-25 who have special health care needs and/or disabilities to participate in discussion groups. Individuals can participate through phone or email. Ms. Hess will send the announcement to the Task Force.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am. The next meeting is scheduled on April 8 from 8am-9am.

*NOTE: In a subsequent conversation between Ms. Hess and Jordan Knab, Mr. Knab indicated that the TIP model might not provide the type of planning framework that we need. However, Subcommittee members should review the TIP operational manual, which is posted on the TIP web site at <http://tip.fmhi.usf.edu/files/TIPOperationsManual-October04.pdf>.*