

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

**Education & Training Subcommittee**  
**Teleconference Call**  
**October 20, 2008**

**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  
Jordan Knab, Project 10, USF St. Petersburg  
Patti Parisian, MPH, CHES, FSU College of Medicine  
Kirk Hall, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Diane Straub, MD, MPH, Division of Adolescent Medicine, USF  
Bill Palmer, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Laurie Blades, MA, BCBA, Department of Children & Families  
Becky Maguire, Agency for Persons with Disabilities

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Dr. Reiss called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR LAST TELECONFERENCE**

A motion was made by Mr. Palmer to accept teleconference meeting minutes from October 6 and seconded by Ms. Redmon. The minutes were unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION**

- Ms. Hess and Dr. Reiss reported on a recent conversation with Dr. Sloyer and Dr. Chiaro about development of our report to the Legislature. Dr. Sloyer recommended that we keep our strategies fairly broad for the report, and use the 2<sup>nd</sup> planning phase to map out details. It is important that strategies in the report not be dependent on the continuation of a particular project or activity. For example, we should talk about establishing "partnerships" between FDOE and FDOH rather than identifying partnerships with specific programs that may not exist in 5 years.
- Ms. Hess provided a brief update on status of the work in the other 2 subcommittees:
  - Financing and Structure Subcommittee issues:
    - Revisit a Medicaid Buy-In option that Florida has looked at as a way to provide health care coverage for youth and young adults in transition.
    - Better use of CPT codes for co-management during transition.
    - Low Medicaid reimbursement rates
    - This subcommittee is focused primarily on funding for health care coverage versus funding for our proposed system in its entirety; funding to support infrastructure components should come from respective subcommittees (e.g., service staffing, training materials, etc.)
  - Services and Models of Delivery Subcommittee concepts:
    - Establish a statewide health care transition office within CMS that provides oversight and assistance for regional coalitions. Local planning teams/partnerships would identify service delivery mechanisms that fit their own needs and resources.



- Explore/develop health care transition curricula that can be used in medical schools.
  - Dr. Straub commented that an adolescent medicine rotation is now required for all pediatric residencies, and that we may just need to tweak existing curricula to emphasize health care transition issues. She will find out how many pediatric residencies are in Florida, where they are, and who the director is so that we can find out how transition is addressed.
- Target: Educators, including social workers, teachers, guidance counselors, school psychologists, post-secondary student services, school nurses
  - Mr. Knab commented that there is a web-based transition module for teachers offered through FDLRS. He will find out whether it has a health care transition component.
  - Mr. Knab offered to host a health care transition module on Project 10's website.
  - Disability services programs at post-secondary schools should have some kind of health care transition training.
- Target: YSHCN
  - Dr. Reiss commented that FDOE generally makes recommendations (not mandates) to local school districts regarding content, mechanisms, and curricula to achieve Sunshine State Standards for health/health literacy.
  - Dr. Straub is working on a comprehensive sexuality education initiative that is required by state mandate, but the implementation is not good.
  - Subcommittee members expressed varying thoughts about whether to target the general population of students or students with disabilities. Suggestions included educating ESE students through school nurses, and utilizing the self-determination curricula for ESE students. Dr. Reiss mentioned Maine's efforts to educate all students about health insurance. He will forward that information to the group.
  - There was consensus that the booklets developed by ICHP for CMS clients in middle school and high school be adapted for a broader population of YSHCN in Florida. Dissemination strategies include utilizing existing networks and Project 10, and that electronic distribution be utilized to reduce costs.

During our next call, we will continue to discuss strategies to reach YSCHN and families.

**Adjournment:**

Call was adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.