

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

**Education & Training Subcommittee**  
**Teleconference Call**  
**November 4, 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  
Kirk Hall, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Diane Straub, MD, MPH, Division of Adolescent Medicine, USF  
Susan Corse Adams, Down Syndrome Association, Jacksonville  
Bambi Lockman, Department of Education  
Susan Havercamp, Ph.D., Florida Center for Inclusive Communities, USF  
Patti Parisian, MPH, CHES, FSU College of Medicine  
Judy Rosenberg, RN, Ph.D., USF Students with Disabilities Services

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Dr. Reiss called the meeting to order at 11:03 am.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR LAST TELECONFERENCE**

A motion was made by Dr. Havercamp to accept teleconference meeting minutes from October 20 and seconded by Mr. Hall. The minutes were unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION**

- Subcommittee members provided follow-up information from the October 20 meeting:
  - Ms. Parisian found that there is no central catalog that lists all CME courses, but provided information about accreditation and CME providers in FL.
  - Mr. Hall identified Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors as an additional target audience for education and training. Rehab Counselors are similar to Disability Coordinators at post-secondary institutions. Certified Rehab Counselors must obtain 100 CEUs every 5 years in their specific area of work. There also are counselors who are not certified, and training is available to them as well. Mr. Hall will check to see how many Rehab Counseling education programs are currently available in Florida.
  - Ms. Hess revisited earlier discussion about recommending mandated training on disability and/or health care transition for physician medical (re)certification. Feedback from Dr. Chiaro is that we would have a difficult time implementing a mandated requirement, but Ms. Hess asked everyone to reconsider whether it might be reasonable to recommend required training around *disability* (generally) as opposed to *health care transition* (specifically). Ms. Hess reiterated that there was earlier consensus from the group to recommend free CEU and CMEs on health care transition to a range of health care and education professionals, but she asked that the subcommittee think specifically about a mandate for physicians around *disability*. Dr. Rosenberg added that nurses should be included in any mandated medical training program.
  - Ms. Lockman will be meeting with Sheila Gritz and Joyce Lubbers in the next few days to discuss status of both the "Standing Up for Me" supplement and the Hillsborough County ESE curriculum.

- Ms. Hess provided feedback about the American Public Health Association conference in San Diego on October 25-29.
  - A new curriculum from UC, Berkeley, about occupational health and safety - called “Staying Safe at Work” - targets adults with developmental disabilities; it also addresses self advocacy skills. The 4-hour curriculum was developed by NOISH and CDC; the workbook can be ordered at \$25/copy. A link to the brochure or an electronic copy will be forwarded to subcommittee members.
  - There were several conference presentations about disability education and training for the medical community.
    - Special Olympics developed 3 new modules that will soon be available for CME credit (in 6-8 weeks): 1) *medical* needs for persons with DD/ID, 2) *psychiatric* issues, and 3) *dental health care*. Ms. Hess will receive copies of the curricula.
    - University of Illinois, Chicago, developed a curriculum for pediatric residents that can be used with any type of health care provider; they also hope to get accreditation for CME. Ms. Hess will receive a copy of that curriculum, as well.
- Ms. Redmon noted there is a lot of interest in disability issues nationally and internationally. She forwarded a report from the National Council on Disability titled *The Rehabilitation Act, Outcomes for Transition-Age Youth*.
- Subcommittee members continued discussion about target audiences and recommendations to include in the legislative report.
  - Dr. Rosenberg noted that guidance counselors in the public school system currently do not receive any disability training.
  - Disseminating materials to as many organizations as possible should help engage families in transition planning *before* they experience a crisis. Organizations to be included in dissemination are: the 17 Florida Centers for Independent Living (FLCICs), Guardian Ad Litem program (for foster care children with disabilities in transition), disease-specific organizations (e.g., Spina Bifida), family support organizations (Family Voices, Parent-to-Parent, Family Network on Disabilities), and local 2-1-1 networks.
  - Ms. Redmon suggested that we explore how other state Title V programs disseminate their material. Dr. Reiss will ask Patti Hackett whether HRTW has done anything recently with state Title V programs.
  - It is expected that policymakers and funders will be educated about the issues through our legislative report.
  - Ms. Parisian revisited the idea of identifying a YSHCN as a program spokesperson. There were several suggestions to increase youth participation in the project, including the youth group associated with Family Café (Lori Fahey) and Dare to Dream. Dr. Rosenberg will contact someone she knows and follow-up with the group.
  - Grants were identified as a source of funding for our recommendations. Educational modules can be developed within the 1-year timeframe that most grant funders allow.
- A draft of the Education & Training section of the legislative report will be forwarded via email to subcommittee members for review prior to the Task Force meeting in Tallahassee on November 24. The final subcommittee teleconference call on November 18 will stay on the schedule but Ms. Hess will notify the group if that call is cancelled.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 pm.