

ADRC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2013
Department of Human Services from 1:00-2:30pm

<u>Members Present</u>		<u>Members by Phone</u>		<u>Staff</u>
Joan Gallegos	Nate Palmer	Judith Holt	Deb Crowther	Jen Morgan
Les Carter	Scott McBeth	Carrie Schonlaw	Nancy Bentley	Rhonda Hypio
Daniel Musto	Sarah Brenna			
Kristy Cottrell	Michael Styles			

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Jen** will invite Tonya Hales to our next SC Meeting to address FFP and Section Q
- **Daniel Musto** will provide an update at the next SC Meeting on any new information regarding Long term care Ombudsmen funding opportunity
- **ALL:** RSVP for the August 29, Veteran Health Administration Services and Benefits Conference
- **Directors** involved with the ADRC VA Project will distribute VA Benefits Training Tracker and Outreach log to all staff involved in the project (attached)
- **SLCO, Roads, Ability First** contact Judith Holt to schedule your site visit
- **Directors** inform your OC Coordinators and staff of ADRC training material all our website – training checklist is required for ALL NEW STAFF AND OC's www.utadrc.org under the training Tab

Announcements:

- Five County AOG's Steering Committee voted unanimously to approve Five County to become and ADRC site.
- The Commission on Aging honored Maureen Henry at the August 14 meeting for her dedicated service as the Executive Director. She has decided not to return to the University from her leave of absence.
- Judith Holt announced Gina Cook has taken a tenured teaching position and will no longer be part of her Evaluation team.

Proposal Submission & ADRC Statewide Expansion Update

The ADRC NWD proposal was submitted on July 24th announcements should be out by mid-September. A draft of the proposal was sent out to the Steering Committee prior to the deadline, no comments or questions were received. Five County AOG received the final approval from their steering committee and will become the next (seventh) ADRC site effective October 1, 2013.

Federal Financial Participation (FFP)/Ombudsman Program/Section Q Updates

Jen met with Tonya Hales from DOH. They are in support of the funding and program, but it's a complex proposal with a lot of time tracking responsibilities. Agencies would have to decide if it's worth the effort. Jen will invite Tonya Hales to our next ADRC SC meeting to further discuss.

Daniel Musto handed out information on the long term care ombudsman funding which is the other program that is available for Medicaid administrative funding reimbursement. It may be an opportune time to look at both FFP possibilities.

DOH needs and is working on an agreement to share the MDS section Q data, as the information goes to a different department within DOH. Daniel Musto will attend the CIL meeting on September 10th.

ADRC VA Project Updates

Final ADRC VHA conference agenda will be sent out next week. ADRC and the VHA ORH partnered in providing a free full day conference on Veteran Health Administration Services and Benefits on August 29, 8:30-5:00. If you or staff members would like to attend, please contact Rhonda at the ADRC Program Office.

We are pleased to announce that we received an additional year (FY14) to sustain and expand our project! Many thanks to Bret Hicken! He was instrumental in submitting the proposal to VA ORH. Sadly, Bret has had a change in his job description and was asked to give up any individual projects he has had in place, including his work on the ADRC/VA Project. He will finish up with the conference on August 29th and present at the HCBS Conference with Jen Morgan. We welcome Randall Rupper M.D. with the VA, who will take his place.

Rand is with the GRECC, and he was involved with the readiness assessment in 2012 and is well versed in the VA project.

VA training logs were handed out for staff to use to document their outreach events and trainings. All staff needs to use these forms to record their activities.

Christopher Scott with the VA is overloaded. Unless a client is homebound or disabled, we should not be directing them directly to Christopher but should try to use the website or direct them to contact the call center. He has about 200 emails and voicemails and cannot get back to them timely.

VDHCBS Update

The program funding would begin on October 1, 2013 at the start of the VA fiscal year. Scott McBeth will work with VA on the contract, and at this time they are not sure if it will be best for him to be the lead agency in which he could sub-contract with other agencies or if each site would have their own contract. Once Scott has initiated the contract, he will provide more information on the steps required for readiness review for other sites. Elizabeth Leef suggested that the contract be written with Mountainland as the lead agency, as this has worked best in other states.

VD respite is a different grant directed toward younger Veterans, which is still being piloted in Texas. The grant would not provide as much funding to the agencies but would be longer term.

Care Transitions Update from Sarah Brenna

SLCO and Mountainland applied for a CMS opportunity last Fall to receive funding for a specific program CCPT to help Medicare eligible seniors reduce their hospital readmission rates. Health Insight and a few hospitals worked together on the application. Utah was not awarded funding, likely due to having the

second lowest readmission rate in the country. The funding was meant for groups that had experience with care transitions, but Utah does not do the transitions to the extent they were looking for. IHC and Health Insight were still interested in proceeding. Becky and Sarah presented to the healthcare association to talk about reducing readmission rates. They have been meeting every other month, and formed two subcommittees; one to focus on patients discharged home with no connection to home health and the other group to focus on how to share information between the facilities and home health etc. The home discharge committee would focus on patient records and education. They are looking into doing a pilot.

N4A and CIL Update

AAA directors recently attended the n4A- National Association for Area Agencies on Aging. They reinforced the need to collaborate with the disability community within each state as they are doing this at the federal level.

Currently a bill has been introduced that Independent Living Centers would move from the Board of Education, Office of Vocational Rehab to ACL. Not much information is available about this transition and it has invoked mixed reactions. Utah CILs are meeting on Sept 10th to discuss. Questions surround where the CILs would be housed within the state of Utah and how much autonomy would there be for the states for their funding flow.

Site Evaluations Update

Judith has requested Roads to Independence, SLCO, and Ability First, to schedule appointments with her to review the tapes of the Options Counselor interviews. She will then go out to meet with the OCs to work on training issues. Evaluations will also be done for those participating in the ADRC VA pilot project. The evaluators will make contact with the Vets receiving assistance to ask about their experience with the program (Survey).

Site Expectations

For the next grant year, each site will be required to determine their sites project goals. Under the training tab on our website, you can find all training materials required for new staff and new options counselors.

HCBS Conference Update- We have three ADRC Options Counselors attending the conference: Joey from Active Re-Entry, Jhilma from Ability First, and Jodi from Roads to Independence. Also, Sarah Brenna, Peter Hebertson, Scott McBeth, Heidi Demarco, Jen Morgan, and Judith Holt will also attend.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 19th from 1-2:30pm at DHS Room 3075**