

ADRC STEERING COMMITTEE
November 2, 2009
Minutes

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Maureen stated that the ADRC will be what the Steering Committee wants to make it.

II. ADRC GRANT PROPOSAL & Overview

The grant proposal was drafted in general, non-committal, and non-specific terms. The grant requires that Utah have an ADRC by the end of 12 months (September 2010) that provides in-person options counseling. The grant also requires a five-year plan in place by the end of 18 months (March 31, 2010). The structure was based on having the suggested mandatory partners listed in the RFP. The Steering Committee will be the governing body, and responsible for putting a plan in place. The program office will be staffed by Maureen Henry and Louise Tonin; the evaluation team consists of Judith Holt and Marilyn Hammond from USU's Center for People with Disabilities.

There are organizations that are already providing benefits counseling. The ADRC Steering Committee should avoid recreating the wheel. As a result of the Olmstead Act and other legislation, reforms have come about for the aging population. The aging networks have been working for more funding and legislation on a national level. The new health care reform movement has turned this everything upside down. The ADRCs will become docking stations for funding; states will not be eligible for home and community living funding without an ADRC. There is also the hope that ADRCs will decrease the burden on Medicaid.

Information sharing is imperative. All of the ADRC Steering Committee Members have a lot of expertise, but may not know what other members are doing. The goal is to tear down the walls between aging and disability and Medicaid. The ADRC will be a virtual network of providers. The key operational components that the committee will focus on first are (1) **Information and Awareness**: Utah is already doing a pretty good job; the ADRC will work toward better outreach and marketing., (2) An assessment process needs to be undertaken regarding **Options Counseling** to see how much is currently taking place, and (3) **Streamlined Access**, such as, a team approach to Medicaid.

The ADRC will be measured and assessed. This program has been in place for six years in other states. Utah can use the successes and failures of the

other states as the ADRC evolves. Sustainability will be an issue. Maureen stated that no one will be pulled away from their core mission; AoA promised this would not happen.

Maureen suggested that Helen Rollins be appointed as a consumer representative from the aging side, and that Andrew Riggle be appointed as a consumer representative from the disability side. A motion was made to add both to the Steering Committee. The motion passed.

Maureen asked everyone to complete the grid, "Fully Functioning ADRC," to see what everyone is already doing. The committee will work to develop principles and guidelines at the next meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, November 23 from 12-2 p.m.