

UWIN Work Group Minutes

Work Group: Grant Oversight and Evaluation

Meeting Date: March 13, 2002

Facilitator: Bill Young

Minute Recorder: Tamara Keene

Attendees: Bill Young, Cathy Chambless, George Julnes, Hank Liese, Lynne MacLeod, Rich Roberts, Alison Lozano, Catherine Carter, Ted Loosli, Donna Soto (for Mike Richardson), Nonie Lancaster, and Sharon Relph

Next Meeting Dates

March 27, 2002 1:00-3:00pm Phone Conference (Call 877-475-9228 participant code: 837652) Judy Buffmire Little Conf. room will be available to those who want to meet as well.

April 10, 2002 1:00-3:00pm Judy Buffmire Building South Conference Room

April 25, 2002 1:00-3:00pm Judy Buffmire Building South Conference Room

Action Item Updates from Past Meetings

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Who</i>
Meet with new Facilitators or WI workgroup	Finished	Cathy Chambless

Discussions for Future Meetings

Brochure topics: See what responses the BPA&O brochure has "in the field". What do people with little insight to the process have on the topics discussed?

What can we do now to deal with MWI cutbacks and use that to prepare for next year's session?

How to deal with issues surrounding the medicaid cuts and what information should be communicated to the work groups.

Revisit communication pathways with all work group members and where each work group sits in the bigger picture. Bring attention to the action items from meeting and see if special focus needs to go to GOE group.

Topic and Summary of Discussion

Work Group Updates:

Outreach and Training Workgroup

Currently have 3 sub-groups

- 1- Curriculum Development
 - a. Met with IL Centers
 - i. Logan/ SLC/ Ogden tri county areas
 - ii. Gave feedback for training
 - b. Met with Bill Young and Stacey Cummings from Voc Rehab
 - c. Met with Sharon Yearsley and Rick Cobia from DSPD
 - d. Will meet with Robert Snarr to get help with coordinating club house involvement
- 2- Matrix Sub-Group
 - a. Revisiting the idea of a media campaign
 - i. Articles on success stories
 - ii. Public service announcements
 - iii. Brochures
 - iv. Disability fair/ Booth exhibits
 - v. Presentation to organizations
 - b. Discussions include who to target
 - c. Use agencies to get information out to consumers
 - d. Inform employers---how do we get to them (Diane Russell)
 - e. Possibly tape or film success stories to use with other medias
 - f. We don't have ton's of money to run a "real" campaign (Make strategy for efficient and effectiveness)
- 3- Speakers Bureau (consumers teamed with agencies)
 - a. Think of employers as consumers too
 - b. Gold Key Awards still exist
 - c. Include Diane Russell in this Meeting
 - d. Video ERA for BPA&O already exist in other States (Lynne)

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Employment Supports Workgroup

- 1- National conference call with other states who are struggling to define Personal Assistant Services like we are.
- 2- Toyna Keller talked about how the assessment tool (MDS-HC) worked and does what we want it to do.
 - a. Mental Health consumers and Traumatic Brain Injury consumers will be sampled further to ensure accuracy of the assessment tool
 - b. Other “tools” may come into play later, based on the expanded sampling
- 3- Held a focus group to help define what Personal Assistant Services means to potential consumers
 - a. Unless the person has worked they don’t know what would help them, or what they might need.
 - i. Frame of reference

Work Incentives Workgroup

- 1- Broke into Sub-Groups
 - a. Benefits Planning and Assistance
 - b. Medicaid Work Incentives
 - c. Ticket to Work
- 2- Bill presented his proposal concerning the BPA&O retreat
 - a. Will be presented to Executive Board
- 3- Talked about the issue of Continued Disability Review (CDR) and that a person can’t qualify for the “Ticket” if they have a scheduled appointment. CDR has a long waiting list to clear appointments.
 - a. How many people does this apply too?
 - b. What is the reason for the back log?
- 4- Noreen Brown was hired as a Ticket coordinator. She will help continue partnering in her new position

What’s happening with Medicaid and what is its impact?

- 1- Legislature did not fully support Medicaid Work Incentives and cut the previous budget of \$500,000 to \$100,000
 - a. For now the program will continue as is but it is clear that a major cut will have to be made.
 - i. Work Incentives wants to form a focus group with consumers
 - ii. Some budget ideas could cut consumers qualification to 133% of poverty. Currently it is at 250%.
 - iii. Is there a way to select those consumers who are really serious about working to make sure they are helped as a priority?
 - iv. Can the Grant Oversight Group make recommendations to Michael about preferable decisions?

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- 2- We need to evaluate and gather facts about how people are impacted by the legislative changes this session over the next year so useful data can be presented for next year's session.

Information Pathways

- 1- Work group Facilitators bring recommendation to GOW and visa-versa
- 2- UBPA&O Brochure
 - a. Address the following issues
 - i. Who is the target population
 - ii. Assure accuracy of information
 - iii. Get the information to appropriate agencies to further targeted dissemination

UWIC General Meeting (Full Day)

- 1- Need to look at all the values under lying all of the major programs supported by UWIC.
- 2- Plan for Fall time-frame

Action Steps

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Target Date</i>
Add the UWIC chart to the charter	Cathy	Next Meeting
Talk to Diane Russell about the Matrix Sub-Group	Mandee Nonie	Next sub-group meeting
Find out if MDS-HC is used for mental retardation or physical disability only. What are its parameters? How was it validated? (Community vs. Nursing Home standard)	Lynne	Next Meeting
Get information on the CDR backlog issue to better plan for Ticket	Corliss Bill	Next Meeting
Prepare a “fact sheet” for each work group so people can understand how it affects each specific group so we can identify issues to present a strong case to the legislature next year.	Undecided	Before July
See if Eric Mitchell from Disability Law Center will help with literacy issues for brochures	Nonie	Next Meeting
Make criteria for brochures and publications. What supports are available to us?	Bill Cathy	Next Meeting
Schedule EX board meeting and GOE group on the same day for travel purposes for those coming from outside of the metro area.	All group	Ongoing

Recommendations for GOE Group

Make a motion concerning focus group of consumers to best see how to minimize impact to MWI cut.
-Gather information about consumer input