

UWIN Work Group Minutes

Work Group: Work Incentives

Meeting Date: January 14, 2004

Facilitator: Cathy Chambless

Minute Recorder: Tamara Keene

Attendees: Cathy Chambless, Rick Cobia, Kathy Daley, Anita Hall, Tamara Keene, Sara McCormick, Phyllis Sharples, and Jolene Wyler

Next Meeting Date and Location

March 24, 2004 at the Judy Buffmire Building in the South Conference room from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Action Item Updates from Past Meetings

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Who</i>
Get toll free number information from Anita...and others. Email them to get information submitted.	Got information for Ticket Phone Line resource guide.	Tamara
Should we explore the idea of an agreement of training for the DWS department in order to get them better involved and better informed concerning benefit planning referrals? Would this agreement be between BPAO and BES also?	Doyle Bender had been a very good coordination point. DWS is also working with USU and the UWIN Coalition. Mike Richards for DWS is concerned about the Medicaid training for DWS workers.	Kathy
Get current work group member lists from Noreen and Kathy Daley	Completed	Tamara
Coordinate the BPAO portion of the UWIN Annual Meeting	Completed	Margo
Coordinate the Ticket portion of the UWIN Annual Meeting.	Completed	Noreen
Coordinate the EPAS portion of the UWIN Annual Meeting. (Both standard and Mental Health)	Completed	Doree Leanne

Coordinate the evaluation that has occurred with the employment wage data/survey, other successes and outcomes for the UWIN Annual Meeting.	Completed	George
Coordinate consumers to come and talk about their personal experience on work incentives and how they have impacted them UWIN Annual Meeting.	Completed	Phyllis, Anita, and Doree

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Topic and Summary of Discussion

UWIN Annual Update

- 1- Over all the evaluations were very positive. The only consistent complaint was the overall accessibility and maneuverability of hallways and elevators.
- 2- It was attended by about 160 people

Work Ability Campaign Update (Samples passed around for review)

- 1- Employer / Job Seeker CD
 - a. Hoping to get the CD in DWS Employer Toolkit
 - b. Delivered upon request
 - c. Through trainings
- 2- Radio Ad Updates
 - a. Been going though major review process to get as many people on board as possible
 - b. Will go into production next week
 - c. Waiting for the CD to be complete before they will go on air
 - d. 2 Spots are directed to Employers
 - e. 1 Spot is a testimonial from a consumer
 - f. 1 Spot is a testimonial from a parent concerning a disabled child
 - g. We have \$20,000 to buy air time

Work Ability Phone Line Update

- 1- Keeping a log of the calls that have been coming in.
- 2- We expect numbers to increase as the Ticket is sent out each month by Social Security
- 3- Getting many BPAO referrals, but having a somewhat difficult time scheduling an appointment.
 - a. Trying to strategize on how to get the referrals and the appointments more consistent.

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- b. Difficult to get great commitment over the phone
- c. Many people are looking for a service that will help them to get hired.
 - i. Who will hire
 - ii. Are there more jobs
 - 1. Better jobs
- 4- Social Security is beginning to do more marketing to help people with disabilities have a transition from old mind sets
- 5- Need to get more employers invested to provide more opportunities
 - a. Hopefully the Employment Networks will aid in this process.

Housing Question

- 1- Is there any work incentives that deal with housing issue
 - a. There may be some programs that have work incentives built into them for Housing issues

TBI Waiver Question

- 1- Have we talked to John Williams about raising the asset limit for the waiver?
 - a. No meetings as of yet
 - b. Have heard that it will be going though “as is without modifications”

Home Modification Grants

- 1- Assist Inc. has applied for a grant to provide assistance to people who are trying to work but have a hard time get out of and around their house to do modifications.
 - a. Can serve up to 15 people
 - b. Can build ramps; widen doors, bathroom modifications, and other housing issues.
- 2- This group always designs for free
- 3- There are no-interest loans for people who don't qualify for grant services
- 4- Will always do free designs for ramps and bathroom modifications for free
- 5- This is this first collaboration that we've been able to have with a housing-type group.
- 6- Are there any conflicts with waivers or certain programs? No.

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New MIG proposal—Workpath Model

- 1- Workpath issued from the CMS for the Medicaid Infrastructure Grants.
 - a. Our policies should not penalize people who are trying to go back to work
 - b. Opportunity through employers
 - c. Research
 - d. Key services and supports
 - i. Housing, transportation, and Mental Illness
 - e. Peer Worker communications
 - f. Benefits Planning
 - i. May be able to hire another Benefits Planner with some of these funds
 - g. Total Program design
 - h. Health Care and long term supports and services
- 2- Utah has been determined eligible
- 3- Flexible opportunity

Work Incentives Role

- 1- Help design a program proposal that will suggest how to get agencies to work in coordination, and get the necessary information out to people who could use it.
- 2- Consider a retreat to come up with suggestions and plan
- 3- Needs volunteers to plan and a smaller group to write
 - a. Get buy in and also address the goals and agendas of participating agencies, providers, and consumers

Medicaid Workgroup Update

- 1- Want to re-evaluate membership within group and refresh
 - a. HIV population
 - b. Transplant recipient
 - c. Diabetes
 - d. Heart Condition population
- 2- Explore opportunities to education social workers and other who work with the targeted populations.

Topic and Summary of Discussion

- 3- Going to do and Ed-Net Training with VR
- 4- Drug discounts cards may be confusing and disappointing (flyer review)—National Program
 - a. Must pay \$30 annual fee
 - b. \$600 benefit
 - c. 10% Cost Sharing
- 5- January 2006 Medi-Gap will not have a pharmaceutical program (clawback)—National Program
 - a. Companies will have to become drug providers
 - b. Medicaid can pick up premiums when people are below premium

Transition Workgroup Update

- 1- Focusing on what our join objectives should be
 - a. Getting word out to parents/schools/transition on Work Incentives
 - b. Working with the Mini-councils
 - c. Looking for ways to get with Educators
 - d. Really need a grant to focus on this
- 2- Will be presenting at Family LINKS conference this year
 - a. End of April 2004

Ticket Workgroup Update

- 1- Meeting with the EN, but still waiting for USOR to work out agreements
- 2- Planning on meeting to plan info dissemination
- 3- Maximus will send a CD who will be getting a ticket each month, with name, address, of Ticket holders.
 - a. Do we have resources to work with this?
 - b. 34000 + SSA Beneficiaries in Utah
 - c. Limited/random mailing piggy-backing with the Universities support
 - i. Phone surveys
 - ii. Follow-ups

Action Steps

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Target Date</i>
Once CDs are completed, take them to the UAPSE Trainings	Cathy	As occurs
Consider having a meeting to address the Phone line and the BPAO referral situation.	Kathy	Next Meeting
Email Assist Inc information to this workgroup information as it becomes available with the press release.	Tamara	As occurs
See if there are potentials consumers in the supported employment program for the Assist Inc program.	Kathy	Next Meeting