

UWIN Work Group Minutes

Work Group: Work Incentives

Meeting Date: June 16, 2004

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Attendees: Sara Rule, Cathy Chambless, Phyliss Sharples, Mandy Pacie, Noreen Brown, Jolene Wyler, Sara McCormick, Rick Cobia, Mande Buckley, Susan Loving and Tamara Keene

Next Meeting Date and Location

To Be Announced

Topic and Summary of Discussion

Work Ability Campaign Kick-Off

- 1- Will be on June 25, 2004
- 2- Press event will more than likely be held at the Airport Marriott...at the International Center
- 3- We will not have a huge group of spectators
- 4- We will be highlighting the Work Ability CD
- 5- The press event will be the kick-off for the radio ads
- 6- Have done demonstrations of the CD to a various groups for a sample response

BPAO Update

- 1- Have had one PAS plan approved by SSA
- 2- PAS Cadre came and went, it was very successful
- 3- 4th benefit planner is currently getting training in Denver this week.
- 4- IOTI Training has been approved, and will be held in October 2004.
 - a. 20 slots for training available
 - b. Hoping to get more rural people to training for increase referral rates in those areas

Topic and Summary of Discussion

- 5- BPAO Orientation outcomes
 - a. 15 people at the orientation
 - b. Providing more information to consumers about the Ticket or waiting for BPAO Services
 - i. Voluntary training/information
 - ii. Help people not feel like they have been forgotten as a result of high case loads
 - iii. Also help people be prepared for their first meeting with a benefit planner
 - c. Scheduled every other Wednesday at the DWS on 1300s and State St
 - i. 3:30pm-5:00pm
 - d. Also invite ENs to come and allow people to ask them questions to better understand the services they offer

MWI Update

- 1- The program is continuing to grow
 - a. At the end of May there were 243 participants
- 2- Anita Hall has gone to all of the VR offices to talk about Medicaid and the Work Incentives
- 3- Had a Focus Group with 9 MWI participants
 - a. Most people didn't know what which Medicaid service they were receiving
 - b. Some were happy with premiums
 - c. Some thought they were too high
 - d. Lack of communication to consumers about what programs are available
 - i. How do you get information out to people?
 - 1. Use an informational flyer and send it out as a person begins the MWI program

EPAS Update

- 1- Been focusing on training
 - a. Formal with DSPD and intake workers
 - b. Informal with families
 - c. Planning on talking to BPAO specialists to refer more to the EPAS Program
- 2- VMH has 15 participants
- 3- EPAS has 14 participants
 - a. Large variety of disabilities accessing this program
- 4- Referrals come from trainings that Judith, Jeff, and Nonie

Topic and Summary of Discussion

- 5- Two referrals have come from the BPAO program
- 6- Working on a participant guide to help people choose a provider

1 For 2 Project Update

- 1- Currently working on an implementation of Utah's goals and benchmarks for the demo project
- 2- The purpose of this study is to see "how to implementation of this project" works, and problems that occur.
 - a. Our program will last for two years, and information from our study will be used for states doing the national project Demo.
 - b. The national program will last for 5 years, and will really do the study on outcomes.
- 3- There is a test and a control group
- 4- We hope to in roll 600 participants, 300 for each group.
 - a. Looking at various groups to target for enrollment
 - i. BPAO/EPAS/MWI
 - ii. DSPD or Mental Health related populations
 - iii. SSDI only general list
 - iv. Vocational Rehab

MIG Renewal

- 1- Continued support of MWI/BPAO/EPAS
- 2- Spend time looking at a comprehensive community infrastructure
 - a. Planning summit
 - i. Decide how to spend the remainder of the grant
 - ii. First 6 months are a strategic planning process
- 3- How are we going to track what is being spent and who is being served statewide.
 - a. Need a huge integrated system for necessary tracking
- 4- Expanding the EREP System, and making it disability related and making all services available to them

Action Steps

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Target Date</i>
Work group support: If you know people who are media related, feel free to invite them to press event. Other wise we will send out emails out to the work group members for available seating room. (Dependant on space/size of event)	Work Ability Staff	June 23, 2004
Looking for referrals for potential trainers for the IOTI Training in October	All	Through September