

HPR I START Advisory Council
Minutes
February 29, 2012
10 a.m. to noon

Attendance: Gail Paysour, Krista Lynch, Lonnie O’Baugh, Mike Smith, David Yereb, Jim Gillespie, Paula Stone, Felicia Prescott, Martha Maltais, Lynn Schoen, John Malone, Paul Regan, Bob Villa

Gail Paysour, Project Manager for HPR I ID Crisis Services opened the meeting with START Statewide Implementation Updates including:

- Project Manager’s January Report and START PowerPoint presentation. There was much discussion around the Dickerson Road Respite Home project and progress towards construction and safety features of the home. Jim Gillespie updated the council on Fredericksburg’s purchase of a home which they hope to have ready for respite services by 2014.
- Clinical Education Opportunities
 - Statewide Launch was in February and will be offered again May 23rd and 24rd at Henrico CSB. It is hoped that the region will have more slots available for additional staff to attend this event along with START staff.
 - START Webinars continue—Next one is March 9th at noon—Gail will make sure ES staff at the CSBs are given notice about the Web Trainings.
 - Dr. Joan Beasley will be offering training at the VACSB Pre-Institute Conference on May 1st. CSB Staff are encouraged to attend. It was suggested that this training could be marketed to private providers of ID services. Paul Regan will check into space availability for this.
- Localities were asked to begin identifying individuals with ID on their caseloads that may benefit from START Respite services. There was some discussion regarding who is appropriate for referral. Individuals who have frequent behavioral concerns that put their living situation at risk and/or individuals who have not been able to be successful in traditional respite situations are a priority for referral. Jim Gillespie noted that his locality has identified 99 individuals who may benefit from START services with about 29 of those being a high priority.

Ms. Paysour gave updates on the Region’s RFP Process and State Budget. Three highly qualified vendors submitted proposals. The selection committee has identified a top vendor but negotiations have not yet begun due to a state budget not yet being finalized. Bob Villa addressed this issue and answered questions. He noted that the \$20 million set aside for this project is flexible and that the DBHDS anticipates this amount being funded in the state’s next two year budget. He noted that DBHDS asked for more but that, until a budget is finalized, we will not know what funds will be available to the region. Mr. Villa recommended that the region move ahead with negotiations with a vendor in order to be ready to implement START services. It was noted that the HPR I Executive Directors Forum and DBHDS will be meeting re: the DOJ Settlement on March 12th at Region Ten. The hope is that we will have more clarification regarding the state budget at that time.

Final topic of discussion was re: the make-up of Advisory Council for the region. Members discussed the original regional proposal which outlined the Council as follows:

- Council is chaired by the Regional Implementation Coordinator.
- Make-up of the council per HPR I's RFP to the state may include:
 - 2 Self Advocates
 - Representatives from vocational and residential service providers
 - 8 CSB ID Directors or designee(s)
 - Clinical, medical and educational experts in the field (psychologists, therapists, behaviorists, educators)
 - Advocates and parent/family members
 - Representatives from ARC and/or other advocacy groups
 - Legislators
 - DBHDS representative
 - HPR I START Director

Consensus was to keep the above make-up of the council with all ID Directors participating on the council. It was recommended that ID Case management supervisors be included with each ID Director identifying an appropriate representative from their respective CSBs. Mike Smith will be contacting legislators Creigh Deeds and Emmet Hanger to invite them to participate. Martha Maltais provided the names of individuals who would be potential parent representative and self-advocates in addition to representatives from private providers. She will provide this information to Ms. Paysour so these individuals can be invited to participate. It was also suggested that participants from Human Rights, Community Resource Consultants and licensing could be contacted and invited to attend. The consensus was to invite the above named representatives and see how the group forms. The Advisory Council will continue to meet monthly while the program is starting.

The next two meetings were scheduled for 10 am on March 28th and April 25th at Region Ten.

Submitted by: Gail L. Paysour