

HPR I START Advisory Council
Minutes
October 25, 2012
10 a.m. to noon
4312 Dickerson Road; Charlottesville, VA; START Respite House

Attendance: Gail Paysour, Jarret Stone, Tom Culver, Robert Hurt, John Santoski, Lana Hurt, Paul Regan, David Yereb, Katie Higgins, Lonnie O’Baugh, Krista Lynch, Felicia Prescott, Martha Maltais, Harley While, Nancy Hopkins-Garriss, Jim Gillespie, Kay Banks, Genevieve Brown, Buzz Barnett, Dave Shue, Dr. Joan Beasley, Dr. Jill Hinton

Gail Paysour, Project Manager for HPR I ID Crisis Services opened the meeting with welcome and introductions. Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and the October Project Manager’s report was presented (see attached).

Dr. Beasley provided updates on her work with START implementation statewide. She provided an overview of the role of the Advisory Council. There was discussion about the best way for data and reports to flow to and from the region, Dr. Beasley, the Department of Justice and the state START Director. There was general agreement that Dr. Beasley will provide a draft of her reports to the HPR I START Director within 30 days of the end of the quarter. The START Director will send the draft to the HPR I Project Manager who will distribute to the Advisory Council for review and comment. These comments will be returned to the Project Manager who will compile and send to Dr. Beasley within a week. It was agreed that no response from council members would assume affirmation of content of the report. Dr. Beasley will submit a final report to the state on or before the 15th of the month due. Dr. Beasley will plan to discuss this process with other regions to confirm.

Dr. Beasley and Jarret Stone of Easter Seals UCP provided updates on the SIRS data base and the types of data that will be collected and reported.

There was significant discussion around DMAS Waiver and gaps and inadequacies of the current reimbursement structure. As DMAS makes plans to restructure the waiver in the coming months, members discussed possible ways this could be accomplished to address barriers to adequate service provision to the ID/DD populations. Nancy Hopkins-Garriss raised the concern that many private providers have regarding the ability to bill for consumers in their care when the consumer is admitted to START services. The START model requires active participation from the consumer’s providers while the individual is receiving START services. It was noted that START would coordinate with the private provider on billing to prevent duplication and that the provider would be given preference to bill with START utilizing state dollars when needed. The Project Manager will be sure to advocate for these concerns with the state START Director and the Office of Developmental Services.

There was additional discussion regarding the RCSC at CVTC and how this service may be transitioned from the training center into the community as the training centers close.

Tom Culver of Easter Seals provided updates regarding the licensing process. All policies and procedures have been approved and the hope is to have the on-site review completed before Thanksgiving. If all goes well, the hope is that START services can begin to be delivered by December 1, 2012.

Lana Hurt asked what is being done to get START information to private providers and families. Jarret Stone will compose a letter of introduction to START services which can be distributed. Council members should feel free to distribute START information to any interested parties.

Several members requested clarification on the referral process. Jarret Stone and Kelly Watson will work with ID Case Managers at each CSB to go over this process and provide further clarification.

START will be able to provide training to providers on a variety of topics. Jarret Stone will send a list of available topics to the Project Manager for distribution to council members.

Buzz Barnett requested additional training for Emergency Services staff on assessing individuals with ID/DD. Jarret Stone will plan to coordinate with the regional ES council to set up this training.

Council was reminded of upcoming quarterly meeting times and dates as follows:

- **Thursday, January 31, 2013**
- **Thursday, April 25, 2013**

These meetings will be held at Region Ten CSB from 10:00 a.m. until noon with the ID Directors meeting afterwards.

Submitted by: Gail L. Paysour