

Marion County Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes: October 12, 2016

PRESENT: Nick Burton, Cary Moller, Karin Perkins, Deb Patterson, Alan Roberts, Katie O'Kelley, Sheena Watkins-Andrews, Ashley Gonzalez

GUEST: Trish Davis **ABSENT:** David Beem, Doug Short, Gwyn Marsh, Trish Baxter

Welcome/ Introductions/ Previous Minutes

Trish Davis joined the group today to get an idea of what the group is about and potentially apply to join the IDDAC. Everyone introduced themselves. Deb motioned to approve the September minutes, and Katie seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Recruitment Updates

Lisa Miller, the volunteer services coordinator was invited to join the group to discuss changes to our recruitment flyer. She was not present, so the group discussed the flyer and the recommendations will be forwarded to Lisa by Nick via e-mail. Distribution was also discussed. Once we receive an updated flyer they will be taken to the monthly provider meetings and other meetings as deemed appropriate.

Program Manager Updates

Nick announced that Michael Helgason will be acting in capacity as the adult team clinical supervisor. We are currently recruiting for the position and hope to have it filled soon.

ODDS has recently released new employment rates and has also developed new phases of job coaching. More changes will be coming in the next couple of months and Nick will bring this information to the group as it becomes available.

The transition team has been formed. The team serves individuals age 15.5 years- 22.5 years. They intend to have a representative for each local school to build a stronger relationship with the school district. The team is very excited to make more community connections for this population.

CNA/ANA Version D has been released. It appears that people are satisfied with their needs assessments. It is still early, but trends show that it seems to be working.

There has been some trouble getting all PSW's to sign the individual's service agreement now that it is a requirement. It seems to be moving more smoothly now.

Data Review

The group reviewed eligibility data. Deb asked what the county does in regards to recruiting new clients. It was stated that we use the I/DD awareness month and also rely on community partners (Dr's offices, WESD) for referrals.

Employment data was also discussed. There have been reductions in sheltered workshops across the board. Trish asked what will happen to individuals that are in sheltered workshops once they are closed. Nick explained that many organizations are working towards realigning their businesses to transform from a sheltered workshop so that individuals have other options when this change takes place.

The group compared the Marion County Customer Satisfaction Survey to the National Core Indicators Survey for Oregon. It shows that Marion County is in line with, and even rated higher than the state as a whole in similar categories. Cary stated that she believes that this group has the potential to make a larger impact on customer satisfaction by being more involved with the surveys and by helping to determine how to get more results/ what to do with the results.

Other Topics

It was decided that the subcommittee discussion would be tabled until next month. Cary did mention that the group should consider training for legislative advocacy, and she will get a more clear definition of what that will look like for our group from the BOC. Nick checked in with a few other CDDP's in Oregon to see where they are with their advisory committees, and it sounds like they are not as established as our IDDAC. Nick reported that our group does not have a budget. If we wish to do things that have a monetary requirement, it will need to be brought to Cary's attention so that she can seek approval. It was decided that the topic of an IDDAC Facebook page would be tabled until we have more members. Alan mentioned the VR funding bill, he attended a training that he would like to present to the group. He will forward the PowerPoint to Ashley, who will have it set up for November's meeting. Deb asked about the PSW pay rates. It was brought to her attention in a training that PSW's and DSP's are not paid equally. She expressed concern that the state is spending so much more money by paying agencies to employ DSP's, instead of everyone being paid the PSW rate. It was explained by Alan that the reason is that there are more overhead costs that the agencies incur such as: having multiple workers in case one is sick, the cost of benefits, etc.

Alan motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Sheena seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Next meeting is on Wednesday, November 9th.