

Who Wants to Work Meeting Notes
Date: 12/13/06, 10am @ Networks
Next Meeting: 02/13/07, 10am @ SPIN

In attendance:

Trina Losinno
Shauna Roman
Michelle Sparling

We reviewed October 12th's meeting notes, and based on feedback from Steering Committee members, we focused on how we should revise our timeline. Specifically, the discussion focused on gathering the information needed for “who wants to work” – but without causing too much “confusion” or “needless confrontation” with day providers.

Here are the ideas we came up with:

- Survey the Support Coordinators instead of the Day Program providers. (Michelle created a draft of a survey that we were going to distribute to the providers; Instead, she will tweak this so that it can be distributed to the SCO's.)
- Shauna will approach the SC Directors (either by attending their directors' meeting at MRS or by calling/emailing them), where she will explain the mission of the “Who Wants to Work” workgroup, and request that they obtain information from each SC on who (from their caseload) wants to work.
- Michelle mentioned that we could also be available to the SCO's if they had questions, or if we needed to go to them to further explain what we're asking for ...
- We mentioned the possibility of collaborating with another workgroup, so that we could connect with their members – and brainstorm additional ideas re: who wants to work. (Support Coordination & Capacity Building themes were mentioned throughout our meeting.)
- Trina suggested that we change the name of our workgroup to “Stand Up and Be Counted”, since this would elicit a more participatory & encouraging feeling – rather than “who wants to work”. Michelle will present this at the next Employment Steering Committee Meeting (on 12/20/06) to see what others think of this new name.
- From our previous timeline, Len Kravitz forwarded a PDF of everyone in the system who is NOT currently enrolled in a CIE program. Originally, we were going to use this information to approach day program providers. Now, we will cross-reference this information with information we receive from SCO's.

- Trina mentioned an upcoming QM Meeting (on 1/8/07 @ 9:30 am) where employment-related issues will be discussed. If we can tie-in the work of our workgroup (and other workgroups as well) with the QM plans, than we'll have better outcomes in achieving our short & long-term goals.
- Trina also mentioned submitting an article in the Family Forum – so that we can appeal to families as well.
- Shauna mentioned the need to recruit additional people to our workgroup!!