

Who Wants to Work (WWTW) Meeting Notes
 Date: 07/10/07, 1pm @ Networks
Next Meeting: To Be Announced (early September)

In attendance:

Kim Gary (Quality Progressions)
 Shauna Roman (Networks)
 Michelle Sparling (Networks)

The beginning of the meeting served as a recap of what the Who Wants to Work committee has accomplished to date, comparing our original time line with what we have done thus far:

Task	Projected Date	Actual Date:
Draft of the Who Wants to Work Letter to day program providers	November 2006	December 2006
Mailing of the letter & survey to day program providers	January 2007	April 2007
Deadline for responses from survey	February 2007	May 2007
Survey responses compiled with initial baseline #s	March 2007	July 2007

The group agreed that we are still making progress, despite getting a little behind with our original time frames.

Discussion focused on the following areas:

About the survey results:

- ◆ 12 of the 15 agencies have responded to survey
- ◆ 142 people have responded “yes” that they would like to work.
- ◆ (Of this 142, 89 are supported by SPIN. 53 are from all other agencies.)
- ◆ Most of the “no”s did not indicate why. Some mentioned “MH issues”, “retired”.

Everyone in the group agreed that focusing on the “yes” would be the best place to start – by contacting the SCO’s and speaking directly with each of the Supports Coordinators who has someone on their caseload who responded positively to the survey.

Next Steps:

Regarding a timeline, we decided as a group to focus on the “yes” group through the end of the calendar year, and then revisit the “no” group beginning in January of 2008. Here is the proposed timeline between July 2007 – December 2007 (pending approval from the Steering Committee):

July 2007 : Shauna will contact the SCO Executive Directors either directly or by attending the next SC Workgroup meeting and share with them the names of the Supports Coordinators who have someone on the “yes” list, and will ask them to alert those SC’s that they will be hearing from us soon.

August 2007: Phone calls will be made to all of the SC’s, dividing the list in quarters. (Michelle will contact Partnerships SC’s, Trina will contact Person Link SC’s, Shauna will contact Consortium SC’s,

Kim Gary will contact QP SC's, and Wanda will contact the MRS SC's.). Prior to asking pointed questions, we agreed that we needed to spend time upfront explaining to each SC (preferably by phone) what the employment initiative is, and why we are calling them. In order to have consistent information from each SC, Shauna will develop a form that only the work group members will use to gather information from the SC's.

This form will ask the following questions:

- 1 – Does this person have an employment outcome in the ISP?
- 2 – If so, is there an employment provider? If not, why not?
- 3 – What support do you need to encourage employment? (ie: resources, training)

September 2007: By 9/30/07, we will know the employment status of people on the “yes” list, as well as some of the barriers based on conversations with the SC's.

October 2007: Provide some type of educational effort (training? TA?) follow-up to the SC's, families, and team members of people on the “yes” list. (ie: Expo, Career Planning Workshops, etc...)

November 2007: Collaborate with the Capacity Building Workgroup. Feed this information back to the Capacity Building Workgroup. (Maybe a joint meeting with them?)

January 2008: Start addressing the “no” list...