

PERSON SERVED ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

January 11, 2012--MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: *Jerilyn George, Eric Matheny, Beth Loeffler, Joelyn Karlson, Mark VanWinkle, Mary VanWinkle, Sara VanWinkle, Dave Dohnal, Tom Armstrong, Bob Sullivan*

→ **Review Committee Charter & Purpose for 2012 – including role of PAC regarding:**

- **Accessibility Plan**—*reviewed how this group could work in conjunction with the Accessibility Committee providing feedback and offering suggestions for that committee to look at. It was concluded that the PAC committee will focus on this issue in 2012.*
- **Provider Suspensions & Revocations**—*reviewed that we do not necessarily get notifications when there are hearings. It was noted that when there has been a suspension or revocation of a provider who does business in Summit County, we do receive a notice from DODD. It was concluded that the PAC group would not have any formal role in this area.*
- **DODD State Parent Group**—*Reviewed that it would be a really good idea to have a representative go to these meetings in Columbus; discussed that it could be someone who doesn't sit on PAC committee, but could report back; will look at Arc options. It was concluded that the PAC group will pursue involvement at these meetings.*
- **Future Community Informational Sessions**—*reviewed that these sessions will be help twice annually, next in September and then beginning in 2013 it will be March and September. In this way, dates will be able to be secured and posted in Outreach, agendas will go out closer to the time, but dates will be set. .*
- **Public Complaints**—*group reviewed that a role here could be to address those issues that appear to be about accessibility to service. Most complaints registered are about individual issues and resolved at the team level. SSAs and managers keep track of these issues to review whether they are systemic in nature. At that time, they may be brought to the attention of this group. It was concluded that the PAC group will not be exploring this issue further.*
- **Committee Membership**—*Reviewed that, per Board Policy, this committee is required to have 8-14 members, which include Board Members, Family Members, Summit DD staff and persons served. Reviewed asking a representative from People First to attend, also representing persons served.*
- **Meeting Schedule**—*the group has decided to go back to meeting the second Wednesday of every other month...which is what the original charter stated. Every other month continues to be appropriate for this group, with the ability to schedule more or less as needed.*

→ **Community Information Sessions Agenda**--*January Sessions are 1/23, 1/24, 1/25 and 1/26 at the various locations around Summit County. JFS has stated that will attend as well...this should be a good draw. Other topics for the January Sessions will be iData ISP—electronic retrieval, DODD updates and Review of SSA Roles and Responsibilities.*

→ **DODD Updates**—*Reviewed the 4 new IO Waiver services, Adult Family Living, Community Respite, Residential Respite and Remote Monitoring. Also reviewed the new SELF (Self Empowered Life Funding) Waiver. DODD is hoping to get this rolling by July 2012, however there is much to be done, including a pre-screening assessment to determine if the person can self-direct, waiting list issues, etc. Stay tuned!*

→ **Round Robin**—*The group discussed having different Summit DD departments come to the PAC meetings to review what they do. This may help the group determine questions/issues that they want to resolve or look into. Reviewed also having community guest speakers attend as well. Also discussed involving state and local government representatives where appropriate, if the issue rose to that level and political support was needed.*

(Please note this meeting may extend past 7:00 PM)

Pizza & soda will be served—*The group enjoyed pizza and salad and WONDERFUL RED VELVET CUPCAKES in honor of Sara's Birthday!! Thank you!!!!*