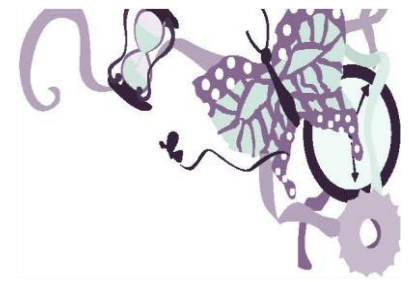


Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition



Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2013

Host: Disability Rights Center of Kansas

Participants: Michele Dillon – Jayhawk AAA, Gina Ervay - KLRC/ROCKO, Steve Gieber – Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities, Connie Rickard – Trinity Heights Respite Care

Upcoming 2014 Meeting Dates (11am-12pm): February 11th, April 8th, June 10th, August 12th

Respite Volunteer Training:

- The previously mentioned multi-state innovation grant proposal (between Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, Tennessee, Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Massachusetts, Ohio, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Connecticut) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to improve state-wide access to volunteer-based respite care was not submitted. Organizations from Illinois and Massachusetts who were taking the lead on submitting the application ultimately discontinued their partnership. Prior to the dissolution of the partnership, a proposal was submitted to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, but it was not awarded.
- Illinois and Pennsylvania succeeded in getting funding appropriated from their general fund to support the development of volunteer respite care services statewide. We look forward to learning from their experiences in program development.
- Efforts for Kansas to develop a volunteer-based respite care system will continue without additional funding at this time. Next steps will be to offer a pilot training of the REST (Respite Education and Support Tools) curriculum in partnership with the Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition and the faith-based community. Currently, churches in the Wichita area are being considered for the pilot. The training entails an 8 hour curriculum and can be customized to fit specific populations whether the focus may be aging related needs, disabilities, or other special healthcare needs. **Please submit any suggestions for partners to participate in the pilot training to Gina Ervay at gervay@rockoinc.org or 316-218-9363.**
- The coalition would like to pursue getting trainers in each Area Agency on Aging office. The trainers could then train the trainers in churches or other organizations providing respite care.

Direct Care Worker Registry:

- A second component of the previously mentioned multi-state innovation grant to CMS involved the implementation of the Rewarding Work Resources direct care worker registry. As this is no longer a funding option, Kansas is looking at other financing opportunities. The Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition has a donor willing to purchase the database if funding of approximately \$30,000/yr in maintenance fees can be secured.
- One possible long term plan to sustain the Rewarding Work registry in Kansas is to partner with the managed care organizations. Sunflower is the first managed care organization to write a letter of support for the data base project, although no funding is committed at this time. Discussions will be ongoing with United and Amerigroup.

- One idea for long term sustainability is to partner with the Money Follows the Person project. Currently, savings incurred from transferring residents out of institutions and into the community are used to help people on the HCBS waiting list. However, whether or not a special project could be partly funded is being explored.
- We are looking to implement the data base in 2014 so it can coincide with the development of the new direct care worker training program and statewide marketing campaign.
- **Any suggestions on projects, agencies or companies the Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition could partner with to support the direct care worker registry can be sent to Gina Ervay at gervay@rockoinc.org or 316-218-9363.**

Training & Credentialing Program Development:

- Independence Community College has taken on the lead role in submitting the application to the Kansas Board of Regents for the new direct care professional training and credentialing program to align with an Associate's Degree. Butler Community College had to release their role as lead college due to budget and staffing changes. Barton County Community College has recently expressed an interest in joining in the college collaborative which currently includes: Johnson County Community College, Butler Community College, Cloud Community College, Garden City Community College, and Neosho Community College.
- **Any coalition partner who would like to help us reach out to your local community college on this training program can contact Gina Ervay at gervay@rockoinc.org or 316-218-9363.**
- As we continue to work on aligning the new direct care professional training program with an Associate's Degree, we simultaneously moving forward on launching the first pilot class in Spring 2014 - "Direct Support 100". It will be an online class provided through Butler Community College. **Butler Community College is now ready to process enrollments in this new course. This will be an important first step in helping to professionalize our vital direct care workforce.**
 - Because DS 100 requires the completion of direct support work samples, it is vital that anyone enrolled in the course is someone who provides direct support and therefore has the opportunity to complete the class assignments. To prevent non-DSPs from enrolling, Butler has created a process where students must be approved for this course by one of the two student advisors who will handle all DSP enrollments.
 - Student will meet the following requirements to enroll into the Introduction to Direct Support (DS 100) course:
 - Work in the developmental disability field, and has the opportunity to complete work samples in direct support
 - Have access to the College of Direct Support curriculum through employer. CDS Administrators should enroll DS 100 students in the "BCC Spring 2014 DS 100 Class" module in the College of Direct Support.

- Begin the process of applying for National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP) Registered status if not done so already (More information can be found at <https://www.nadsp.org/dsp-credentialing/dsp-registered.html>)
 - Rather than requiring the student to purchase a traditional textbook, DS 100 will use the College of Direct Support as the course text. All students must have access to the College of Direct Support through their employer. Inquiries about setting up access to College of Direct Support should be directed to Matt Fletcher at Interhab (mfletcher@interhab.org).
 - Because DS 100 leads to Initial Certification by the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals, it is also important that participating DSPs be registered with that organization. One of the requirements of NADSP Registration is a Letter of Professional Commitment written by the DSP. This same letter can also be used to apply for a scholarship being offered by Elsevier, the publisher of the College of Direct Support. To apply for the scholarship, the DSP's letter should be sent via email to Matt Fletcher at Interhab (mfletcher@interhab.org).
- **Direct Support Enrollment Process:**
 - Complete Application for Admission form http://www.butlercc.edu/admissions/enroll_now.cfm. Use non-degree seeking major.
 - You will receive information by U.S. mail about how to access **pipeline@butler**.
 - Contact an advisor to enroll in the class. Please mention the Introduction to Direct Support (DS100) course when you call or email. If contacting by email be sure to email from your Butler Pipeline email account.
- Andover campus contact: Ashley Borniger, 1810 N. Andover Road, call 316.218.6259 or email aborniger@butlercc.edu
- El Dorado campus contact: Shannon Herbert, 901 S Haverhill Road, call 316.322.3163 or email sherbert@butlercc.edu
- **Cost for Direct Support classes are:**
 - \$76.50 per credit hour (6 credits)
 - \$18.50 fees per credit hour
 - \$47.00 online fee
 - \$10.00 enroll fee per semester

\$ 627.00 total tuition/fees

- You can use **pipeline@butler** to make payments. Refer to the Butler pipeline instruction sheet for more information. Ways to pay:
 - Pay for classes at any Butler campus in the Accounts Receivable department in Andover or El Dorado or online.
 - Pay online (through your Pipeline account, via Student Quick Clicks, See Account Balance/Pay Online)
 - Payment plans can also be set up through Pipeline.
 - Employers covering expenses should provide a signed document on company letterhead indicating charges employer agrees to cover. Contact Carol Hull at 316.218.6201 or sbadmin@butlercc.edu.
 - **Note: To avoid being dropped from classes, pay by January 6, 2014 or if you enroll after that date, pay immediately.**
 - Start class. You will receive an informational email through pipeline@butler with instructions to access the class.
- **If you have specific questions regarding the course please contact Dan Hermreck, Adjunct Instructor, 785.506.8650 or dhermreck@gmail.com**

Marketing Campaign:

- Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition will be launching a statewide respite care marketing campaign prior to August 31, 2014. The campaign will be designed to direct caregiving families to a newly developing website of caregiver resources supported by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services. It will also help to advertise the new direct care professional training and credentialing programs and any new volunteer respite care services.
- **If you or someone you know would be interested in helping to design the website of caregiver resources, deciding on what elements should be included, and/or creating a logo/brand for the marketing campaign, please contact Gina Ervay at 316-218-9363 or gervay@rockoinc.org. Support for the marketing campaign would be on a voluntary basis.**
- The Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition is considering involving any interested corporation in a cause marketing approach to this campaign. Please forward any ideas or contacts to Gina Ervay.

The next Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition teleconference will be February 11, 2014 at 11:00 am. The Disability Rights Center of Kansas will host the call.

Adjourned at 11:45 am.