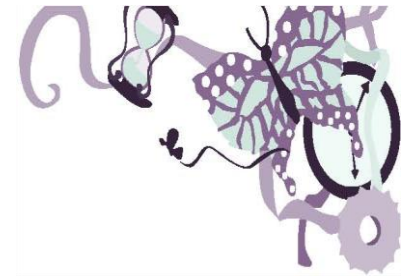


Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition



Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2014

Host: Disability Rights Center of Kansas

Participants: Michele Dillon – Jayhawk AAA, Gina Ervay - KLRC/ROCKO, Steve Gieber – Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities, Mike Horan – Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, John Sullivan

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

Respite Volunteer Training:

- Information to schedule respite volunteer training is currently being sent out to churches. If you would like information sent to a specific church or volunteer group, contact Gina Ervay at gervay@rockoinc.org or 316-218-9363. 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.
- The first training will be held in Wichita on April 12, 2014.
- To expand the training across Kansas, we are looking at a possible partnership with the Disability Rights Center.

Direct Care Worker Registry:

- A grant was written under the Money Follows the Person project to help fund the Rewarding Work Resources direct care worker registry. An award decision will be made around March/April.
- The vision for long term plan sustainability of the Rewarding Work Resources 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.
- Other potential sources for financial sustainability will be considered on an ongoing basis.
- 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 continues to lead the process of 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. Currently, a survey to support the application is being sent out to employers who are members of Interhab.
- The college collaborative working on the training program will involve: Johnson County Community College, Butler Community College, Cloud Community College, Garden City Community College, Neosho Community College and possibly Barton County Community College.
- As a first step toward the new training program, Butler Community College launched an online pilot direct care professional training class. It has 8 students enrolled this semester. For more information about future classes, please contact Dan Hermreck, Adjunct Instructor at (785) 506-8650 or dhermreck@gmail.com.
- 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.

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.

Organizational Updates:

The Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities announced that registration is NOW open for...

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Position Opening: The Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities is looking for a Grants Manager. Contact Steve Giebar for more information at (785) 296-2609 or sgiebar@kcdd.org.

The next Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition teleconference will be April 8, 2014 at 11:00 am. The Disability Rights Center of Kansas will host the call.

Adjourned at 11:30 am.