

Stakeholder Forum

March 3, 2009

System Design Committee BreakOut Session

Feedback was gathered from stakeholders during the breakout session on the following questions:

- Is there a different focus you feel should have been considered as a focus by the committee? If so, is there any way to account for that in this framework?
- What are things you feel should be included in the concept of “purposeful planning”?
- What are challenges or obstacles that should be anticipated by the committee as they move forward?
- What are outcomes that you feel would measure or indicate success?

Following were participants’ feedback on each question:

Alternate Focus?

It appeared that all participants felt that the focus of enhancing the agency’s use of purposeful planning was an appropriate focus. No one suggested an alternate focus.

Things to Include in “Purposeful Planning”

- Education
- Volunteering & Community Service component for consumers
- Peer support
- Make purposeful planning a “way of life” for staff
- Continually re-evaluate—keep moving forward
- New experiences
- Inform Special Ed Directors in school systems
- Self-Advocates—what do they think? They are a great resource!

Anticipated Challenges & Obstacles

- Not enough knowledge in the school system—how to bridge that gap?
- Lack of transportation!
- Need to keep routines for consumer—aides in comfort level
- Lack of communication
- Need to be patient—changes will take time!
- Need to figure out who & how
- Great need for everyone involved to change their attitudes!

Outcomes to Indicate Success

- Training--# of staff who complete trainings
- A higher level of independence for the consumer
- A higher level of community involvement for consumer
- A smooth transition from school to adult services
- An increase in number of new experiences consumer receives in programming
- Ability of individual to voice his/her own choices, ideas, etc.
- Ability to develop lasting relationships & # developed

All participants were reminded that they are welcome to join the System Design Committee to help Community Partners move forward in planning. Come to one meeting for more information or come to all meetings! The first two meetings of the System Design Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, March 25th 10:00-11:15am at the Crosby Road office & Wednesday, April 1st 1:00-2:15pm at the Crosby Road office. Please RSVP to Amy Cook at 516-9300 or let her know that you would like to be informed of upcoming meetings.