

**Ohio Empowerment Center Formally known as IPT Meeting
3/11/09 Notes**

NOTE:

MEETINGS:

- Next meeting is April 17th

Outcomes:

1. There is no more IPT. We are the Steering Committee.
2. Defined Steering Committee.
3. Agreed to include SAMSHA grant (Ohio Wellness Network), Niki and Patti on Steering Committee. (Umbrella of information)
4. Share expenses between Steering Committee and SAMSHA Grant/FMHCG (Ohio Wellness Network).
5. Recommended 9 fiscal agents to ODMH
6. Recommended 5 names for new organization. Steering Com. to vote v. email.
7. Membership to include At-Large members
8. 8 Meeting Evaluation forms turned in.
9. Established 4 Work Groups (Fiscal Responsibility, Communication and Outreach, Policy, Advocacy and Networking, Change Management)

Present: Jack Cameron, John Moneypenny, Pam Sarver, Brian Jones, Glenn Hopkins, Pat Risser, Peter Steele, Margaret Casarez, Renee Kopache, Geraldine Frazier, Steven Miles Cooper, Frank Fleischer, Katie Oechsle, Juliet Dorris-Williams, David Granger, Meghan McNeil, Gabe Howard, M Vanessa Eubanks and Pam Oechsle. **Facilitators:** Ellen Deacon and LaVerne Miller; **ODMH staff:** Debbie Hughes, Debbie Nixon-Hughes, Sherry Boyd and Stephanie Harford.

Welcome, Expectations, Ground Rules, Teleconference protocols, Approval of Minutes

Welcome: Introductions were made.

Expectations:

- Decide on a name and identity for the Steering Committee
- Need a fiscal agent
- Membership

Ground Rules: One ground rule added - End every meeting with concrete outcomes and accomplishments

Teleconference protocols:

- When we have a discussion Ellen will call upon the people on the teleconference

Approval of Minutes:

Guidance Team

- Two people were voted on to represent at shareholder meetings for the Transition Work group: Glenn Hopkins and Pam Sarver.
- Developing funding issue for line item 408 - hospital community service line item. Six people participated in that meeting. Will have report from them also.
- It was recommended that smaller advisory and work groups meet in between Steering Committee meetings. Recommendations were for: 1) Communications and Outreach work group, 2) Change Management and Process work group, 3) Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability, 4) Policy and Advocacy, and Networking.

Definition of Steering Committee: “A Steering Committee is a group of high-level stakeholders who are responsible for providing guidance on overall strategic direction. They are usually composed of the decision makers in a company.”

We should be intentional about two things:

1. Intentional and committed to work and go on. Support it publicly. ****Important****
2. Commitment to continue to each other.

Exercise Questions Asked:

1. Why am I here today, why does it matter to me?
2. Steering Committee – what it should be about
3. Do all IPT members become Steering Committee? If not why?
4. Should Steering Committee or Guidance Team recruit new members? Who should they be?
5. Are you interested in partnering with SAMHSA grantee?

Most common themes of why we are here?

Talent people have

Diversity

Skills

People to be socially connected

COS are vulnerable – need a foothold again

People to have a voice at the table

Did not want to see the good works go away

COS need statewide organization and organization need the COS

Advocacy work is so important, give back

Group 1

1. Yes all IPT members can be Steering Committee members. You should not have to reapply. If you are at Large member of IPT you can be At Large for Steering Committee. The size is just right. We need an executive/advisory committee to bring back to the Steering Committee to make larger decisions for the group. The Steering committees would elect the executive committee.

2. We do not need any representatives from Franklin County. They should come from regions that are not represented. Replace from where there are holes left. The IPT members did not select themselves to this body they were elected to this committee.
3. SAMHSA Grant – They need as many partners as we can get to fund the work, as long as we agree on the terms of the relationship.

Group 2

1. Yes.
2. New membership – not too large. Recruit by geographical and skill set, set up matrixes, do it strategically.
3. SAMHSA – We owe it to consumers to partner with them. What are the conditions of the partnering? The greater good has to be achieved.

Group 3

1. Yes everyone should stay. Consensus among the group – consumers have voting rights only. Value and appreciate support from stakeholders but it should be consumers flag in the ground.
2. To have partnerships that make sense don't want the group to get too big. Need to address diversity recruitment on that basis. We need to be inclusive rather than exclusive.
3. SAMHSA – Open to it, need to define the terms of it.

Group 4

1. Yes. Like the voting piece. Defer to outreach work group to decide. We need clarification on consumer status: 1) those that vote 2) those that participate but don't vote

Summary:

Question 1: Do consumers have the voting rights and reserve seat for At-Large Members on Steering Committee? Consensus from all groups: Yes, all IPT members are Steering Committee.

Question 2: Consensus Yes, look at membership – Reserve seat for At-Large Members

Question 3: SAMSHA – yes as a partner, with terms.

A copy of Director Stephenson's testimony, the ODMH budget, definition of a Steering Committee and a letter from OCATS were passed out.

Introduction to SAMHSA – Patti Waits and Niki Hanselman

What is SAMHSA? SAMHSA stands for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. SAMHSA is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). SAMHSA was created as a services agency to focus attention, programs, and funding on improving the lives of people with or at risk for mental and substance abuse disorders.

Purpose: To enhance State capacity and infrastructure.

Consumer-centered

Targeted toward recovery and resiliency

Consumer-driven by promoting the use of consumers as agents of transformation

Example of Allowable Activities

Needs assessment

Strategic planning

- Improving community services (e.g., individualized plans of care, anti-stigma initiatives; interactions with the criminal justice system; supported employment programs; supports for returning veterans)
- Development of cultural competence improvements (e.g., rights protection; responsiveness to diverse needs of racial and ethnic minorities; outreach to rural, minority, and older adult populations)
- Organizational/structural change (e.g., to create locus of responsibility for a specific issue/population, or to increase access to or efficiency of services)
- Development of interagency coordination mechanisms
- Provider/network development

Program Goals:

1. Strengthen organizational relationships;
2. Promote skill development with an emphasis on leadership and business management; and
3. Identify technical assistance needs of consumer and provide training and support

Transfer of Award

- January 2009
- Fairfield Mental Health Consumer Group, Inc.
- Resume activities approved by SAMHSA from the original grant awarded in 2007. Approximately 18 months left of the grant.

Ohio Wellness Network:

Goal 1: *Strengthen the bond among consumers throughout Ohio.*

Goal 2: *Actively provide education, support, and technical assistance with Leaders from Six Regions.*

Goal 3: *Work Collaboratively with IPT and the Ohio Department of Mental Health.*

Goal 4: *Broaden training and technical assistance to consumers, nurture the expansion of fledgling and new consumer/survivor organizations.*

Goal 5: *Explore issues regarding economies of scale for Ohio consumer organizations.*

Outcomes

What will we name our new organization? We will have a discussion with OCATs but we will decide as an organization:

1. New Statewide Advocacy Work Group
2. new Ohio Statewide Advocacy Steering Committee
3. Steering Committee of the Ohio Advocacy Organization
4. On Our Own Ohio
5. **Ohio Empowerment Center – (the one the group voted on March 17th)**

Discussion on Work Groups and Tasks:

WorkGroups: (2's are secondary members to group if originals cannot fulfill obligations)

Each group should have:

A Chair

2 Co-Chairs

Someone to take minutes to share with Steering Committee

Method of communication between meetings: email?

Are you going to have meetings in between meetings?

Communication and Outreach

Meghan McNeil 2. Patti Waite
Gabe Howard 2. Vanessa Eubanks
Katie Oeschle 2. Frank Fleischer
Brian Jones 2. Katie Oeschle

Change Management

Vanessa Eubanks 2. Niki Hanselman
Mag Casarez 2. Pam Oeschle
Renee Kapache 2. Brian Jones
Frank Fleischer

Policy & Advocacy

Niki Hanselman 2. David Granger
Patti Waite 2. Juliet Dorris-Williams
Jack Cameron
Steven Miles Cooper
Pam Oeschle

Fiscal Responsibility

Juliet Dorris-Williams 2. Mag Casarez
David Granger 2. Jack Cameron
Pat Risser 2. Steve Miles Cooper
Sherry Boyd

Fiscal Agent Possibilities

1. Federation for Community Planning
2. Mental Health America – Franklin County
3. Ohio Association of County Behavioral Healthcare Authorities (OACBHA)
4. DD Council
5. NAMI-Ohio
6. Provider Agency
7. Ohio Council of Behavioral Healthcare Providers (OCBHP)
8. Franklin County ADAMH Board
9. Management Company

New ground rule: We have to keep moving forward and stay committed to the decisions reached by this group. If you are not committed to it you will make a principle decision not to be a part of it.

Other: What is the role of the department?

We will keep the group posted on future teleconferences. Everyone that was on the phone will be sent the packets and the minutes from the meeting. They can call Sherry or Ellen for an update on the meeting.

Strategic Planning

Scan 360 (mirror – what did we leave out/why?)
Understand the service from the statewide organization
Forecast
Access
Does need a mission statement
Work plan for each work group
Name goals for long and short term
Success
What makes it work toward our goal?
External vs. Internal
Goals vs. Objectives

Next Meeting: Ellen will send out possible dates for next meeting.

Recommendations:

OCATS: Dialogue between ODMH, Steering Committee and OCATS – collaboration needs to be done

New Name: (would go on contracts, web site, surveys etc.) New Statewide Advocacy Work Group; New Ohio Advocacy Steering Committee; Steering Committee of the Ohio Advocacy Organization; On Our Own Ohio; Ohio Empowerment Center

Change Management: The Steering Committee might need to be work group on Change Management
Work group co-chairs could be the advisory group

Ohio Wellness Network: Patti and Niki H. should be on the Steering Committee

Niki should be on the Guidance Team

Effort to be made that office space accommodate both Niki and administrative staff so office supplies can be maximized

Membership: Meghan will send out email to everyone asking what they think about the membership. They will report back at monthly meeting.

Fiscal: David and Juliet are co-chairs. They came up with possible fiscal agents (temporary). (See above) Demonstrate fiscal soundness, fiscal controls, teleconference held on March 25th MACC has their own fiscal agent. Juliet Dorris-Williams will check with MACC.

Announcements:

There is another Recovery Conference being held September 30th. Steve Stone from Ashland and Judy Wortham-Wood from Wayne/Holmes asked the Director of ODMH for funding for scholarships for consumer survivors to be able to attend the conference. Director Stephenson said the request should come through the Steering Committee. Pat Risser asked the group for their approval that it could go back to Director Stephenson and she could release funds to Steve Stone and Judy Wortham-Woods. Recommendations were made and the Steering Committee approved it. Referred to Fiscal work group.

The Wellness Management and Recovery CCOE wanted the Steering Committee to know about the Save the Date for a conference for WMR for June 22nd, and 23rd for consumers across the state. Mag will send out as PDF.

There is a Policy conference happening in the next month in Cleveland from Policy Institute. Sherry will work with that committee to see if two representatives can go to the conference.

Meeting adjourned