

DS Imagine the Future Task Force  
November 5, 2013

Meeting started: 9:00 am

**Members attended:** Bill Ashe, Anne Bakeman, Max Barrows, Linda Berger, Nancy Brieden, Susan Buckley, Gail Falk, Camille George, Susan Hardin, Jeanette Hurdle, Deborah Lisi-Baker, Lisa Maynes, Ed Paquin, David Peebles, Jackie Rogers, Sr. Janice Ryan, Susan Ryan, Jennifer Stratton, Tracy Thresher, Karen Topper, and Marlys Waller

**Members absent:** Cheryl Phaneuf, Karen Schwartz, James Smith, Theresa Wood, and Marie Zura

**Guests and Staff:** Rich Atkinson, Nicole LeBlanc, Ellen Malone, Betty Milizia, Susan Yuan

Everyone introduced themselves.

David Peebles provided a summary of the last meeting, and what he wanted to accomplish at this meeting. Nancy Breiden asked that the October meeting minutes reflect a correction:

It was noted that the minutes from the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting did not accurately reflect the Task Force's discussion and recommendation to the commissioner regarding development of the three year State System of Care Plan for SFY 15-17. Following discussion the Task Force recommended that the third sentence of Section III of the October 21, 2013 meeting minutes be corrected to read: 'Of the members of the Task Force present, all but one recommended that the current plan be extended for a year to allow the DDS Imagine the Future Task Force to complete more of its work.'

**DAIL Updates:**

- Summarized the steps in trying to extend the current SOCP.
- Decision to move forward with rescission. Input from the SPSC was provided in the instructions.
- Proceeding slowly with what the FY 15 budget will look like.
- Clarified Medicaid bump

Bill Ashe advised that this task force should look at the broader issues, and not focus on the SOCP. This was the consensus of the group.

David and Camille indicated that the interest of individual Task Force members would be solicited to have interested members involved in the development of initiatives based on the recommendations of the Legislative Work Group. These initiatives including housing , increased self-management, increased self-advocacy and other previously discussed areas could be incorporated into the SFY15 SOCP.

**Accessibility:**

- Taking frequent breaks & do check in for all – also, how did the meeting go?
- Small group discussion
- Try to meet same day of the month
- Guiding notes & visual – what is the current question we're talking about
- Cart recorder
- Goals, outcomes, timeline agenda for meetings
- Double the breaks - 10 minutes not 5 minutes

**Focus of this group: Long Term Vision**

- Need trust that the vision will be implemented

- No guarantees
  - Discussion of the system & how change occurs & who makes decisions
  - List short term ideas. Will publish the list of ideas & solicit input & interested parties to work on some initiatives.
  - List to be sent to a broader group of people/groups – not just task force
  - List people who will be on committees to help coordinate & get people to meetings
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- Is anybody better off?
  - How do we know?
  - Look at national core indicators.
  - What people say about themselves is at the heart of what we are doing.
  - Resend results of the latest consumer survey.
  - The NCI & survey together - what are we already looking at in VT?
  - Find creative ways to ask people how they feel about things
  - Emphasis “today or counting things”
  - Make quality indicators into quantity indicators
  - DDS system is correctly focused on people. Who receive services
  - Also look at family support
  - The person is the measure of how this works
  - Narrative approach impacts is in our stories
  - Hard to quantify results birth to death
  - Other variables who’s asking the questions? The people know all of the options.
  - Some of the bigger measures have value
  - Need to know who we are talking about – no way to do any kind of comparative analysis
  - It’s not just “Who do we serve now” but “who do we not serve?”
  - Will this group have a longer term?
    - To be determined
    - Need to create a work plan & timeline

### Check in:

- Second part of meeting went better
- Anxiety about task at hand in light of reduced state resources
- “Who are we concerned with” may be a better questions than “Who do we serve”?
- Info that has been developed, should we look at that?
- We have a wealth of information & knowledge in the room. Should there be an educational component to this group?
- Need to have a defined question
- Need to know ahead of time so people can bring forward knowledge.
- Next meeting: “Why did we stop participating in NCI”?
- Are we better off now that we’ve narrowed the funding priorities, or were we better off before?
- Identify reasons why some things are not happening or limits on work supports
- We are not the only group looking at the future of DDS – a lot going on with healthcare reform.
  - Hear from people about what potential impacts could be.
- Most states do not use federal definition
- Amount of funding dictates what the system looks like not who the people are and what they need.
- Need to shift the discussion.

- Need to collect stories of people who have been touched by DS.

### NEXT STEPS

- Next meeting 11/25 Waterbury Congregational Church, 1-4 pm
- Agenda to follow with links to Core Indicators and most recent Consumer Survey
- Focus of the meeting will be on “How can we measure if our clients/customers are better off? What performance measures do we have, or need, to meaningfully discuss client results? How can we measure changes to skills, attitudes, behavior and circumstance?”
- A copy of the meeting minutes will be sent out to the committee as a draft, and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 12:00pm