DS Imagine the Future Task Force
January 27, 2014

Meeting started: 1:10pm

Members attended: Bill Ashe, Max Barrows, Linda Berger, Nancy Brieden, Susan Buckley, Gail Falk, Camille George, Ed Paquin, David Peebles, Cheryl Phaneuf, Susan Ryan, Karen Schwartz, James Smith, Jennifer Stratton, Marlys Waller, Theresa Wood, and Marie Zura

Members absent: Anne Bakeman, Susan Hardin, Jeanette Hurdle, Deborah Lisi-Baker, Lisa Maynes, Jackie Rogers, Sr. Janice Ryan, Tracy Thresher, and Karen Topper

Staff and Guests: Rich Atkinson, June Bascom, Nicole LeBlanc, Betty Milizia, Kirsten Murphy

Announcement: Ed Paquin – Disability Awareness Day will be held on February 19th, 2014, at the State House in Montpelier. Chester Finn will be in attendance. Come and show support for Disability Rights. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Paquin at Disability Rights Vermont or Stefanie Monte at VCIL.

Meeting minutes: The minutes for the December meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Ed Paquin. Motion seconded by Nancy Brieden. Minutes were approved.

Ground rules: drafted up some ground rules & distributed & reviewed.

- Everyone participates
- All ideas are valid for discussion
- Stay out of the weeds – stay at the concept/visionary level
- See common ground, common understanding
- No question is a silly question
- Consensus may not be possible
- One conversation at a time

Where have we been?

- Reviewed information and resources that have been made available.
- Reviewed baseline data – current state of DDS in Vermont.
    - Need to address issue of who is eligible for services
    - Look at what it would it look like if things were working well in 2034
- **Feedback from the Group:**
    - Need to be able to bring issues to the table and discuss differences/concerns
    - Want to put cards on the table and let it be challenged.
    - Needs to be a safe place to send "the elephants in the room"
- **Proposal:**
    - Meet until June
    - Smaller work groups?
    - Something generated by the Task Force will have value
    - Cluster topics – small groups
- **Possible work groups (handout provided):**
    - Think about how we want communities to be for people with developmental disabilities. Is part of our job to advocate for changes?
    - Look at eligibility – who we serve, ages, labels
    - Issues that cross – liability, fear, risk, dignity of risk
    - Are we still talking about services or money?
    - Are there overarching ideas that should be considered?

- Conflict free case management?
    - Needs to be independent/firewall to truly do person centered planning.
- Residential alternatives
- Tension between our values and showing how they work in light of results based accountability.
- Family support
    - Family resources is also related
- Need for more transparency and assurances
- How do we look at things on more of a continuum?
- Flexibility
- Emerging issues:
    - Health care reform**
    - Results based accountability – need to look at the people receiving services
    - **Payment methods drive what people receive and experience
    - Are we on the right curve or do we have to change the rejection to support our values?
    - Need to figure out how to educate those working on healthcare reform now on the DD System
    - **Commissioner is on the SIM Steering Committee
    - **Outreach to the Green Mountain Care Board
- Committee on evaluation, data, outcomes – what do we need & want to look at.

- **How do we get there?**
    - Impacts of Payment & Health Care Reform:
        - Theresa Wood volunteered to lead and work with others – Bill Ashe, Kirsten Murphy, Marie Zura, Nancy Breiden, Ed Paquin, Deborah Lisi-Baker, and Dave Peebles.
        - Leadership from SPSC, buy in from other groups
    - Work of groups working on short-term ideas for services can inform other groups (housing, employment, technology)
    - Eligibility: have a committee to frame the issue (Gail Falk volunteered), Karen Schwartz, Clare McFadden, Marie Zura, Anne Bakeman, Dave Peebles, June Bascom, and Max Barrows.
        - Same approach could also work with other topics.
    - What is happening to this system that we've built and where are we going? Advocate for what is needed.
    - There are some "uniqueness's" to DDS.
    - Changes now are more subtle and therefore more complicated.
    - How can we move in the direction that people with DD are seen as full community members?
    - Workgroups – focus less on models versus how the system can best support X topic.
    - Need to keep our pulses on "pilots" things can happen quickly.

February: Focus on Health care reform:

- Work group will help frame the conversation & hopefully come up with some recommendations

March: Who do we serve eligibility?

- Next steps for the next few months.
- DRVT & GMSA have spaces in Montpelier

Broncos – 7
Seahawks – 2
Meeting adjourned: 3:45pm