

OnCare Training Workgroup

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 1:00 – 2:00pm

In Attendance: Judy Nemecek (Youth Bureau); Jennifer Daly (Parent/Caregiver); Terrance (Guest);

OnCare Staff: Facilitators Bruce Brumfield (CCA) & Marilyn Woyciesjes; Tashia Thomas; Trudy Yemma

Excused: Shiann Brown (PEACE, Inc.); Peter Swords (OCMS); John Cook (ACCESS); Kim Kromer-Murphy (Catholic Charities); Joe Scripa (Adult/LTC),

Absent: Karen Kalb (Community/Teacher)

Introductions/Updates: Workgroup Co-Chairs Peter Swords and Shiann Brown were not available to attend the meeting. A brief meeting was held in their absence with a limited agenda focused on planning for the upcoming Community Resiliency Model (CRM) Training.

The Meeting Notes for the Dec. 17, 2014 Workgroup meeting will be reviewed and approved at the next Workgroup Meeting scheduled for Feb 25th, 2015.

Discussion: Peter developed a promotional flyer for the CRM Training for distribution via e-mail and at the Full Stakeholders Meeting on Jan 12th. An all-day session is scheduled for Feb. 27th (7-7 ½ hrs. with a break for lunch) followed by two half-day sessions (4-5 hrs.) on March 9th and March 16th (total 16 hrs.) Peter planned to firm-up the times with Bill Cross and the other training leaders.

The “soft” registration deadline was set for Jan 27th with a plan to extend the deadline to Feb 10th if necessary. Tashia provided copies of the 29 registrations for the CRM Training that were completed as of Jan 28th using Survey Monkey. Marilyn added a list received from Huntington Family Center that included 12 parent/caregivers and 3 staff.

The targeted audience included: 15 youth; 10 parents/caregivers, 5 natural support persons or faith community leaders, and 10 direct service workers who have limited opportunities to access training through their employers. We exceeded the number of parents/caregivers, met the goal for direct service workers but did not meet the goal for youth. Terrance attended the meeting as a guest, invited by Bruce to offer a youth perspective. He suggested promoting the training to youth attending the Twilight School Program. The students attend classes at the SCSD High Schools in the late afternoon and early evening and may be available to attend the trainings.

Catholic Charities is providing space for the training at their main office on Onondaga Street. The location is convenient, on a bus route and offers free parking. Bus passes will be available for participants - arrangements will be made when confirming registration. The passes will need to be mailed or picked-up by Feb. 16th. Child care will not be provided.

We will need to provide food, snacks and coffee/beverages for 50+ people – the all day session will include lunch. In addition to the 40 trainees, there will be 7–10 coaches in attendance to lead the practice groups (ratio 1 trainer: 4 people). The training budget does not include funding for this expense so the plan is to solicit in-kind donations from agency sponsors and west-end merchants.

Catholic Charities is already providing space at no cost but may be able to provide coffee service at no cost or low cost; Kim will be asked to contact, or provide the agency contact info. to request the service. Other potential agency sponsors include: OCMS, Peter; PEACE, Shiann; Huntington FC, Colleen Belge. Trudy offered to draft a letter for soliciting donations from the west-end merchants in Western Lights Plaza: Wegman’s; Price Chopper; Time Hortons; Dunkin Donuts; Little Caesars; Subway, etc.

A brief meeting with the Workgroup Co-chairs and the OnCare staff, in conjunction with the FSM on Feb. 2nd, is planned to further discuss logistics and other resources that may be needed to prepare for the CRM training. Please contact Marilyn via e-mail or phone if you have suggestions for additional resources or if you have questions. – (315) 435-2884, x 7126, marilyn.woyciesjes@dfa.state.ny.us

Please note: The agenda for the Feb. 25th Workgroup Meeting will focus attention on the proposal Shiann developed for Healing the Hurt, Restoring the Hope (HHRH). She asked the group for feedback about how to gauge interest for the training; how to identify and recruit facilitators, and; what locations would provide a safe, “neutral” space for the support group meetings. The various topic areas covered in HHRH offer a high degree of adaptability and flexibility depending on the specific audience. We will follow-up on the discussion about targeting faith communities and refuge communities as they would offer the opportunity to promote diversity and increase cultural competency. It was agreed that there would need to be an effort to develop the groups to open and inclusive vs. exclusive.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 25th, 1:00-2:30pm – Catholic Charities, Conf. Rm C, 1654 W. Onondaga St., Conf. Rm C (park and enter in back of bldg.)