

SELN Advisory Group meeting

12/7/12

Attending:

Heater Norton	Donna Bonessi	Amy Thomas
Cheri Stierer	Robin Metcalf	Paul Atkinson Jr.
Lee price	Sam Hollins	Kevin Lafin
Jim Gillespie	Dawn Traver	Don Conley
Jamie Liban	Sara Peterson	Karen Tefelski
Grant Revel	Dana Yarborough	Lynne Talley

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Updates
3. DBHDS Strategic Plan for Employment First
4. Data collection for Settlement Agreement
5. Setting data goals for the next year
6. Meeting schedule for 2013

Discussion points:

- Discussion of interdepartmental meeting on employment to discuss employment first issues
 - Concern by some in the group that SELN AG was not involved in this meeting
 - Interdepartmental cooperation is necessary to accomplish goals of SELN AG
- Discussion of DBHDS Strategic Plan for Employment First
 - Plan based on SELN AG workplan
 - Need to ensure that all stakeholders are involved in the plan
 - How are activities in plan going to be accomplished with no money set aside
 - SELN AG can be used to locate funding opportunities
 - We need a sense of urgency in working on goals
 - What fixes can we make right now
- Data collection for Settlement

- Using data sets from DBHDS, DMAS, DARS, and VEC yielded the numbers for SA
 - # of individuals in employment services 852
 - # of individuals in independent placement 173
 - # of individuals in group placement 658
 - # of individuals in prevocational 866
- The group agreed these numbers were accurate
- Target setting for next year
 - How can we raise numbers if we do not change funding now
 - Set targets and show that we need to make changes
 - Texas set goal of increasing # of people in individual placements by 50% and then did what was needed to make it happen
 - Targets should be calculated by percentage
- We are focusing on the Settlement Agreement right now but we cannot lose focus that in Virginia the Employment First Initiative is for people with all disabilities

Decision Points

- Data sub-group to meet on 1/8 to review Virginia data and national numbers to set practical targets
- Full SELN AG to meet on 1/11 to discuss targets set
 - Meeting at DBHDS Central office
 - Call in number: 866.842.5779; conference code 8047860580