



King County

Working Age Adult Policy Best Western, Seattle Room May 26, 2005

Facilitator: David Wertheimer, M.S.W., M.Div. Principal, Kelly Point Partners

Task Force Members:

Jodi Reimer, The Arc of King County
Karen Williams, Trillium
Therese Vafaezadeh, Children's Hospital
Kathy Sellars, LifeSPAN
Elden Lamb, Highline Community College
Debbie Meyers, SKCAC Industries
Lisa Turner, L. Turner Associates, Inc.
Virginia Burzotta, Northwest Center
Cesilee Coulson, WISE
Emily Rogers, The Arc of King County
Ron Ovadenko, Self-Advocate
Leo Finnegan, Parent
Ginger Kwan, Parent
Lyle Romer, Total Living Concept

Excused:

Judy Perry, Highline Community College
Alison McCormick, Seattle Central Community College, Mainstay
Candy Airhart, DSHS/DDD/Region 4
Kristen Kavaller, DSHS/DDD/Region 4
Christopher Willis, Federal Way Public Schools

King County Resource Staff:

Jane Campbell Michaelle Monday
Irma Hill Kathy Svinth

Welcome and Overview of Final Meeting

David Wertheimer opened the meeting by announcing that this is the last official meeting of the task force, reviewed the agenda, and the May 12 evaluation comments. Below are documents reviewed by the Task Force:

- Priority Area Action Plans (were revised)
- The Next Steps section of the final report (was revised)
- Parking Lot issues (were addressed)

- Next Steps and Implementation of Task Force Recommendations will be included in the final report (were revised and approved)

Discussion of the Five Priority Area Action Plans

All five Priority Area Action Plans were reviewed, revised and unanimously accepted by the Task Force.

Identification of Immediate Next Steps

The Task Force reviewed the list of concerns and issues from the February 23 Kick-off meeting to ensure that all concerns were addressed in the Recommendations.

Three-Part Model for Delivery of Recommendations

The three-part model for the delivery of recommendations evolved into a four-part module to include the following process:

- Presentation to the King County Developmental Disabilities Board—
June 15, 2005
- Formal presentation to the County Executive and the Director of the Department of Community and Human Services by September 2005
- Formal presentation to the State Department of Social and Health Services, Developmental Disabilities Division
- Presentation during an event that publicizes the report, goals, and honors employment success stories during October as part of the Employee Disability Awareness Month

Selection of Task Force Spokesperson(s)

Cesilee Coulson (Provider), Emily Rogers (Self Advocate), and Ginger Kwan/Jodi Reimer (Parents) were elected to present the final report at the June 15 Board for Developmental Disabilities meeting at Region 4 and the other 3 presentations. However, all Task Force Members will attend as many of the presentations as they are available.

Review of Draft Narrative to Accompany Action Plans and Next Steps

The draft Executive Summary was reviewed, revised, and unanimously approved.

Review of biographical statements

A few of the biographical statements were provided to Task Force members for revisions and edits.

Vision Statement

The Task Force agreed that a Vision Statement should be included in the Executive Summary. The group unanimously approved the following vision statement: "The vision of the King County Working Age Adult Policy Task Force is that 100% of persons with developmental disabilities who want to work are either in the workforce or on their individualized pathway to employment."

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.