Region 10 Regional Quality Council Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2019

In attendance: Dee Sabol, Anita Otterness, Josh Burt, Linda Driessen, Shelly Rohe
Staff: Kerri Leucuta, Polly Owens
Unable to attend: Ann Lazzara, Carolyn Olson, Judy Young, Lisa Harvey, Marita Buehler, Stephen Guerra, Jodi Johnson, Emily Miller, Beth Honecker, LeAnn Bieber, Emma Edwards, Lisa Harrison-Hadler

1. Call meeting to order by Kerri Leucuta
2. Mary Pieper resignation due to health reasons
    a. Council would like to do something to recognize her years of advocacy
    b. Card was signed and mailed
    c. Email was sent to all Council members not in attendance at this meeting to inform them of this.
3. Management support of the State Quality Council Director's Position has expired and the only respondent after two Requests For Proposals was not approved by the review committee. Currently there is nobody in the role of SQC Director.
    a. Reach out to Dee, Kerri or Karen with Questions
4. Council approved updated RQC Guidelines.
    a. In anticipation of low attendance for this meeting, Kerri asked for approved/not approved vote from those who responded that they could not make this adhoc meeting. A quorum was met through a combination of in person votes and email votes.
    b. New Guidelines to be signed by in October meeting
5. Executive Committee Update
    a. Per Guidelines, Dee (as Vice Chair) will move into the role of Chair through June 2020.
    b. New Vice Chair is needed.
        i. Initial request for volunteers was made. If you are interested and willing to step into this role, please see Kerri.
        ii. If there are no volunteers, the Chair and the newly formed Nominating Committee will reach out to members directly to seek replacement.
6. Nominating Committee
    a. This newly formed workgroup will determine Council membership needs and recruit new members and officers as needed.
    b. Volunteers for this committee include Linda Driessen, Steven Guerra, Anita Otterness, and Ann Lazzara. One more member is preferred.
    c. Current Council needs include: a provider, a person receiving services, and a community member
        i. Jake Schuller from SEMCIL is interested and has application
        ii. Than Boutelle (Member of SAM) is interested and has application
7. Education, Training and Advisory Workgroup
    a. This newly formed workgroup will be identifying regional training needs, and planning training events and/or conferences.

b. Polly Owens is staffing this workgroup.

8. System's Improvement Update
    a. The workgroup reviewed the findings and recommendations from last year's Community Conversations around the need for Community and Natural Supports. Findings discussion included:
        i. There seemed to be a disconnect between who is responsible in supporting people with disabilities to be part of community (is the person responsible for reaching out to people, or is it people in the community who should be reaching out to the person with a disability)
        ii. The awareness aspect of these conversations was a highlight. Creating awareness rather than educating community members seems to be especially enlightening…including awareness of disparities for people with disabilities (How are situations different for people with disabilities)
        iii. There should be the assumption that all people are part of the community; we need to work on how to keep people there
        iv. Utilize a least restrictive intervention approach to people being in community, and add supports as necessary. Assume capability and add supports as necessary.
        v. We need to consider children too, not just adults.
        vi. The system is set up to be risk adverse, and protective
        vii. These conversations should continue with different facilitated questions around "why do people leave community, and what can we do to keep people within community".
        viii. The concept of "learned un-use" was discussed. People learn to not try things or to not do things, because they have been told they can't.
        ix. True value is in removal of stigma (there was discussion that involved mental health stigma as well).
        x. Tactics/Tools/Information could be provided to teach people ways to help in keeping people in community
        xi. Focus needs to be on Interdependence rather than Independence…we are all in this together, so how can we solve this together
    b. Other information and reports were provided and will be discussed at next meeting
9. Person Centered Quality Review Workgroup Update
    a. Not meeting until 9/26/2019; Update to be provided at next meeting

Minutes Recorded by Kerri Leucuta