

**HCRS JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
Springfield, Vermont
June 6, 2017**

Present: HCRS Staff: Theresa Earle, Karon Eagles, and Crystal Morey

Client/Community Representation: Todd A., Heather T., Beth C., Katie B., Peggy M., Holly B., Louise M., Diana M., and Zane H. and representatives at the Brattleboro and Hartford offices

Board Representation: Diana Slade

Welcome: At 12:13 Theresa Earle, CEO called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made including those participating via video conferencing.

Meeting Minutes: The team reviewed the meeting minutes from the December 6, 2016 meeting. Zane made a motion to approve the minutes as written. All in favor!

CEO Update:

George was unable to attend the meeting today; therefore a CEO update was not available. Theresa Earle, DS Program Director made a brief announcement that lunch will no longer be served at these meetings after today.

Children's Update:

- Will reviewed the System of Care plan with the Children's Standing committee and encouraged their feedback.
- The Children's Standing Committee is still recruiting new members. They typically take the summers off and the next meeting will not be again until September.

DS Update:

- The DS Program recently completed their System of Care Plan and they will work on three initiatives after the review.
- The DS program has been busy with monthly pot luck dinners for staff and clients.
- Some DS client's recently went on a field trip to the Mystic Aquarium. This past weekend players on the Double U's team attended a basketball tournament.
- The next DS standing committee is scheduled for this Friday, June 9th.

Adult:

- Diana Slade is the new chairperson of the Adult Standing Committee with Katie Beach serving as the new secretary.
- The Adult Standing committee reviewed the Client Satisfaction Survey results, offering additional ways to provide support. They will be looking at the by-laws soon to begin revision work.
- The group recently discussed ways in which HCRS could utilize Facebook.
- Discussion took place around the possibility of a Life Enrichment Center in both the Hartford and Brattleboro areas. Members of the committee would George to consider Hartford and Brattleboro LEC's.

- The Current bus schedule was looked at as times are drastically changing. A meeting to discuss the Current bus schedule has been arranged.
- Transportation continues to be a challenge.
- A new clinician and two interns have been hired in the Hartford office.
- Todd brought up the issue of purchasing silicone bracelets (at a low cost) selling them for \$1.00 a piece to provide support and additional funds. This information will get passed on to George. Todd suggested “You’re not alone” as the message on the bracelets.
- Cooking Classes are going very well. Today members made vegetarian tacos with tofu cream per the In-Shape program. There are two in-shape coordinators – one in Brattleboro and one in Springfield.
- The Canteen is back in the LEC.
- Shack at the smoking area – this will be added as an agenda item at the next Adult Standing Committee.
- In Hartford, clients and staff want to coordinate a way to use the pool as part of the in-shape program.

Next meeting: The next Joint Standing Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 12:00 PM. **Lunch will NOT be provided.**

Minutes by Crystal Morey, Recorder