

## Pennsylvania Lifesharing Coalition Meeting December 10, 2015

Ron Melusky joined us to discuss current lifesharing issues.

- Lifesharing point people in regions will be looked at and beefed up
- SC training will happen in some way, shape or form
- SIS – Nancy is looking at this tool
- BHSL/ODP-Nancy is looking at this relationship
- If your waiver is denied...appeal
- Can an individual appeal the one application process is holding up their services? Ron says you can appeal anything but how it will be seen or approached is questionable.
- Daily documentation-Ron says that he will look for clarification on what the content should be, but Lifesharing does need to have daily documentation.

### MEETING

- Review of the 2015 Lifesharing Conference and the results of the survey—Anna Rankin presented the data that was received from the post-conference survey. There was a low number of responses to the survey. Overall the conference was a success. **A big thank you to all who helped to make this a great event!!**
- We will be having a 2016 conference! The planning should start in January 2016. Anna Rankin will be co-chairing the 2016 conference. Time commitment would be mainly though Conference calls that are held on a regular basis, rarely coming together as a group. Help comes from and is needed throughout the state. During winter and spring months the planning committee meets more frequently, then things slow down. Then meet again (via phone) every 2 weeks then every week as the conference nears. The planning process is well organized and planned out. Attendance is not required at every meeting/call. Needs will wax and wane through the process. There are many areas in which to get involved, so come share your talents! Please consider helping out or if you know someone who is interested in helping please contact Anna Rankin at [arankin@stepbystepusa.com](mailto:arankin@stepbystepusa.com).
- Training Committee Update-Kathy Trumbore—There are no updates at this time. Looking at maybe beefing up the training on the website.
- Revalidation of the enrollment reminder-Announcement 098-15. Designated person at your agency who does PROMISE enrollment should review this announcement.
- CLS-One application-will be an issue with agencies spanning multiple counties/regions. A memo from Bob Robinson outlined the changes that take place 12/19/15.
- Outcomes Webcast-Announcement 106-15. Available webcast times/dates are listed here.

- APS required training information—Details can be found in the ODP Communication Reissue Announcement #060 Jan 12, February 10, or in person in Harrisburg
- Enterprise Incident Management is replacing HCSIS. ODP Communication Number: Announcement 100-15. As of 1/4/16 all incidents need to be entered through this system. It is similar to HCSIS and can interface with HCSIS. It doesn't appear to be overly difficult. HCSIS administrators will need to go in and add all investigators. Some user roles and passwords will carry over (investigators may not carry over).
- Information for Nancy Thaler-Ron reported that Nancy received the information, but they had not yet had the chance to make any decisions or do any planning around it.
- Budget impasse-Not much to say, still no budget so no way to know how human services will be effected.
- Documentary series on A&E called "Born This Way"—documentary series airing in December about people with Down syndrome. Seems to be getting mixed reviews.
- Licensing-SE agency licensed in October (usually licensed at the end of May). Issues include: hard water stain in toilet, dust on blinds, rust stain. Licensing staff opened all cabinets in kitchen and refrigerator. If you have a document make sure that there are no blank spaces, make sure it at least says n/a. Pay attention to the FAQs from BHSL they are holding people to them.
- Conference folders and t-shirts are available to purchase. Shirt-\$10 donation, folder 2 for \$5 donation.
- PATH will be done in February (2/18/16). This year we will focus on training, membership, media
- **Regional Updates:**
  - **Central:** Planning for coalition meeting, and questions for them at this meeting. Review of ODP communications, licensing updates, substitute care requirements, and challenges with getting things through CLS.
  - **Western:** Seeing some new membership, talking about moving the meeting around since the region is so large—"Road Show" for AEs around the region to help increase awareness of LS throughout the region. Region takes a break over the winter. Next meeting will be in March. A few folks will work together to reach out to AEs during break to see if they need any assistance from the coalition. They are seeing an increase of AEs attending the meetings.
  - **Southeast:** Erin McHugh from PCHC was at the November meeting. Big focus on behavior specialists and what is missing from them in working with folks with dual diagnosis.
  - **Northeast:** Focusing on looking at services they can provide and come up with general forms to share with others. Examples of different things are trickling in and they will be looking at them to see what works/gets approved and what

doesn't. Hoping to develop a guideline to assist with getting forms approved (SH, AIS, High-Cost, extraordinary transportation costs, etc.) without reinventing the wheel.

**Lifesharing Coalition Schedule for 2016:**

February 18	Camp Hill—Giant
April 21	State College—Celebration Hall
June 16	State College—Celebration Hall
August 18	Camp Hill—Giant
October	Conference—Dates and location to be determined
December 8	Camp Hill—Giant