

CAP ID/D Meeting Minutes – 12/9/2022

In attendance: Courtney Walker, CLASS; Carol Ferez, RCPA; Gail Quiqley-Smith, Frank Borelli, Pittsburgh Mercy; Mark Schiemer, Goodwill; Karen Jacobsen, EMMAUS; Kaira Pessolano, BVRS; Amber Vash, Mon-Yough Community Services; Michele Charmello, TSI; Angela Kutz, Pressley Ridge; Barb Peterson, BVRS

HRST: ODP has put together a statewide workgroup aimed at better incorporating HRST data into the ISP, and possibly using the data collected as an individual's Lifetime Medical History to meet licensing regulations.

Denise Cavanaugh is a member of the Allegheny County HRST workgroup; the goal of this group is to help the county get a better understanding of how providers are using this resource, and how they can help support to providers to use it more effectively, particularly the report function.

Telehealth: ODP working in cooperation with OMHSAS on the development of a workgroup to work on the provision of Behavioral Health via telehealth. Anyone interested in participating should contact Carol Ferez at RCPA.

Incident Management - Carol Ferez is convening a group to discuss recommendations for changes to the Incident Management requirements. ODP is interested in listening to provider feedback.

Workforce: Betsy Farmer, Dean at the School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, is scheduled to attend our January meeting (1/13) to listen to provider concerns about workforce and the challenges we face. She is putting together a workforce task force with multiple stakeholders. The goal is to increase the credibility/visibility of job opportunities in the ID/D system by creating more awareness at the post-secondary education level.

Through attendance at our meeting, Betsy is looking to develop discussion points for an initial stakeholder meeting to be held at the University of Pittsburgh later in the month.

We would like to have an outline of the workforce challenges we face to better facilitate the discussion. ID/D committee members are asked to send examples or types of challenges encountered to Denise Cavanaugh in advance of the January meeting.

Upcoming Conferences: AAIDD Annual Conference will be held in Pittsburgh in June 2023. Denise has reached out to AAIDD representatives about how CAP members can support/assist with conference related activities. They have indicated that they will get back to us once the conference committee has an opportunity to discuss. Denise will follow up in January.

NADSP is scheduled for Pittsburgh in September 2023. Denise will reach out to them with similar offer.

Next meeting: 1/13/2023