

Interpreter Referral Task Force Minutes-

2/15/2011

Meeting began: 1:30pm

Present for the meeting: Tina Thompson, Paul Barnaby, Jodi Merryman, Karen Davis

Absent: Steve Florio

1. Reviewed and Tina, Paul, Jodi and Karen approved meeting minutes for 11/20/2010 and 1/20/11.
2. Steve and Tina had a scheduled meeting with the Hospital Association of RI on Feb. 2nd but it had to be rescheduled to March 2nd due to inclement weather.
3. Tina contacted RIRID to discuss the task force and determine if there is a representative from their organization that would like to be a part of this committee. Carol Fay will be the representative from the organization and Mary Ellen Breen will also be attending in the interpreter capacity. Tina indicated that these individuals are part of the Northeastern training grant for interpreters and will be able to provide us with additional information to assist us in the task force goals.
4. Karen has been provided with several consumer names from the two rehabilitation counselors in her region and she will review and make a contact to identify the best individual for the committee.
5. Paul indicated that the colleges are overwhelmed right now and it is difficult to get anyone to commit to this task force right now. He also shared that there really isn't an interpreter problem with the colleges. A decision was made to hold off on asking them to be a part of this committee at this time. The task force will look to the colleges once discussions begin about the training of interpreters.
6. Discussion for Increasing awareness of CDHH and Interpreter Referral Services:
 - A. Explore ability to update software that can be used for the Interpreter Referral staff to assist in streamlining the process and to help make it more efficient.
 - B. Paul to provide presentations and education to referral sources such as agencies, hospitals, companies.
7. Next meeting to take place at the offices of CDHH, March 11, 2011 2pm-4pm. Mary Ellen Breen to interpret.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00