

Satellite Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 6, 2011

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Board Room, DCPC

Present: Jen Krull, Connie Lent, Sara Turner, Kate Bouchard, Annette Kornell, Erica Avery

Absent: Anne Alexander, Lori Bonfigt, Katie Kohl, Michelle Seay

Meeting commenced at 6:35 pm

Minutes from November 4 meeting approved (Kate Bouchard made the motion, Connie Lent seconded).

Kate Bouchard volunteered to take on the role of **committee chair**. Connie Lent motioned for approval, Jen Krull seconded, all were in favor.

Jen Krull will continue in her role as DCPC **board liaison**.

Annette presented her director's report. Highlights:

- Satellite is settling into its **new office space** and very appreciative of the new carpet, paint, furniture, heat.
- Although ARRA and **EHS funding** are in jeopardy for next year, DCPC is supportive of our working with EHS so alternatives are being explored.
- **Providers' night out** in December was a great success
- The **WMELS series** will begin January 19. We have a great deal of non-Satellite interest, mostly from group centers, which will generate publicity and collaboration as well as revenue.
- The advisory committee members are invited to the May 5 **provider dinner** (in lieu of that month's meeting) to present awards.
- Goals: marketing to the community
 - **Visit sheets** from Satellite consultants would increase parental awareness of Satellite. How can we reach out to parents more without making more work for providers?
 - Satellite met its year-end goal of **60 accredited providers** and surpassed its goal of 95 providers served, with **100 members**.

Jen Krull briefed the committee on the **DCPC board meeting**. Highlights:

- The Madison Police Department requested that DCPC authorize MPD as its agent for dealing with trespassers on DCPC property. DCPC will gather information about this proposal.
- The board recommended approving the 2011 insurance proposal, except for the internet security portion, about which more information will be sought.

- DCPC is considering contracting with a community support specialist to help families who use multiple assistance programs, which currently can be very challenging to navigate.
- 2011 budget approved.

Annette distributed and reviewed Satellite's **system accreditation** documents. The one area in which improvement was recommended, working with providers on assessment and individualized curriculum, will be partially met by the WMELS series.

The committee reviewed the Advisory committee **self-evaluation**, completed at the last meeting. The committee discussed whether Satellite can be a model for other regions looking to establish an accreditation system. One limitation is that other regions are not as well-funded as Madison, with its city support. Satellite is unique in the country but there are other business models for accreditation (Connie will provide a link to comparisons). One proposal is that large employers could develop a network similar to UW's to help their employees find in-home care and subsidize costs.

Fundraiser

All are in favor of a walk/bike fundraiser, but this is a big project and all agree that this spring is too soon to make it happen. Spring 2012 is a better goal. Brainstorming for a 2011 event resulted in some other ideas, including a children's musician performing for donations on a Sunday afternoon, possibly outdoors at the waterfront. Maybe Kate McCrimmon could present a movement workshop, possibly at the Goodman Center. Perhaps we could collaborate with the children's museum or zoo. Hoyt Park?

With any fundraiser, the main purpose would be outreach to the community, with generating funds a secondary goal.

Training

Kate Bouchard and Jen Krull are both enthusiastic about providing training for providers working with special needs children, with an emphasis on early recognition and intervention. Providers are often the first to notice behavioral challenges, and can use training in broaching the topic with parents. Four 1.5 hour sessions in the fall were proposed. Ideally this could be an ongoing training so that questions could be asked as they come up.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2011