

CAC MINUTES
6/15/23

ATTENDEES: Alexandria Teixeira, David Steele, Donna Potter, Jeffrey Dickinson, Jennifer Crowell, Kevin Ennis, Matthew Greenwood, Peter Giovagnoli, Sheila Woodward, Shellie Lemelin, Tiffany Gladu.

ABSENT: Beth Martin, Brad Holt, Carol Conforti-Adams, Deb Ritcey, Desean Greene, Joshua Wade, Justin Bonny, Robert Tolstuk, Russell Angel.

Expectations

Jennifer Crowell

- GSIL needs us.
- Be respectful of each other
- Be respectful of each other's time
- This committee is an open forum for us, consumers of GSIL.
- There are no "stupid questions", we want you to ask questions and share ideas.
- If we do not get through agenda, that is ok, we will address at next meeting.
- We are here for each other and GSIL.
- Be respectful of facilitator, we may have to stop a conversation to move on to something else.
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Consumer Advisory Committee Guidelines

Donna Potter

The guidelines are currently being re-vamped, will be sent to all within the next two weeks. If you choose to participate with the committee, please sign and return the guidelines via email.

CAC Re-Vamp

Kevin Ennis

Previous CAC was focused on GSIL's Long Term Supports and had lost its ZING . The re-vamp has allowed us to include all GSIL consumers who have an IL plan. By opening CAC up to all consumers, the goal is to get more feedback on how GSIL can best support all our consumers.

Skills Training Project

Tiffany Gladu

Tiffany and Donna are working on a skills training program to train our Coordinators to provide the best support possible for our consumers. We are looking for your input regarding what do our coordinators need to know so they can assist you to live your life as independently as you choose. Our current topics fall under the following 5 categories:

1. Health Related
2. Program Management
3. Community Resources (i.e. recreation, transportation)
4. Safety
5. Independent Living (i.e. self-advocacy, goal setting, consumer rights)

Suggestions from CAC:

- Alexandria: -LTSCs need to know about recruitment options; fliers that make it look enticing to the workers; colleges; YMCAs
-Management skills
- Matthew: -Website, job board for recruitment
- Jennifer: -More support and training so LTSCs can support consumers on hiring process.
-Make sure hiring packet is accurate i.e., application says ACE training is available online, however, HR says it is not.
-Would recommend LTSC reach out to consumer before contacting ACE
-Adaptive Sports
-Programs (LTSCs need to have a better understanding and have a paper handout). GSIL transportation options
-Funding options/grants
-What is the best way to communicate with the consumer
- Peter: -How to support consumers in the background check process
- Shellie: -Network with current ACEs to find ACEs to cover other consumers
-Grants both internal to GSIL and external
- Jeff: -worker's compensation process
- Tiffany: Employee benefits

Questions/Suggestions for next meeting:

1. Training on all GSIL programs, maybe provide a handout.
2. CAC is an opportunity for us to work together as a team positively impact GSIL Services. Please help us by each of you bringing one more GSIL consumer (anyone with an IL plan) to the next CAC meeting.
3. How can we help advocate for next steps with the ACE stipend ending in December 2023?

Recommendations of items to bring to GSIL Leadership:

1. What happens when the ACE stipend ends in December 2023?
2. Have the GSIL Connections Newsletter showcase a consumer and their ACE with what works well for them and what didn't work so well.
3. David Steele would love to be back on the GSIL Board.

NEXT CAC MEETING: September 21, 2023