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DDS Council Monthly Report
October 2010

Meetings held and/or attended

- October 2nd -Inspector Supervisor Meeting
- October 7th -CHRO
- October 7th -Met with OBRA, DDS Nurse Coordinators, CO Health Dir. & CM Supervisors
- October 8th -Met with CO Utilization Nurse
- October 8th -Met with Quality Improvement Director
- October 9th -Met with EEOC Director
- October 14th -Invited to speak at Torrington Self Advocacy meeting
- October 15th -Met with Director of Medicaid Operations
- October 15th -Met with CO Utilization Nurse
- October 16th -DDS Council Meeting (held at Southbury Training School)
- October 17th -Met with Vista Hospice Representative regarding services for DDS consumers
- October 17th -Met with CO Psychiatrist
- October 20th -Met with Executive Director of CHRO
- October 21st -Met with North Region OBRA Coordinator
- October 23rd -CO Inspector's Meeting

Concerns\Issues

- Received a call from a Minister who was concerned for the safety of an individual that was allegedly going to be evicted from her residence due to behavioral issues. The Minister was aware of HIPAA/confidentiality laws and the limitations of discussing this individual without her consent. This individual has spoken to this Minister many times regarding her problems and asked him if he could assist her in this matter. According to the Minister the individual had limited contact with DDS and asked whether I could contact someone regarding this issue. Contacted Region, they checked on the consumer, individual was safe and instead of eviction the landlord stated he would wait until alternative housing was found.
- Have been in contact with region regarding an individual who is now residing in a SNF. First, I received a call from a friend who is concerned with the individual's health and whether he will be able to return to his residence. Again, explained to the individual the limitations of our conversation; HIPAA. Contacted region who explained that his was a very complex matter due to the uncertainty of his medical issues, they stated they would have DDS nursing staff do a complete assessment. Region is in contact with conservator who is researching various scenarios.

- E-mailed LTC CM to follow-up on an individual who resides in a SNF. The Administrator would like to have this consumer moved from the nursing home to a group home. Family wanted placement close to home, region has taken this into account, however could not guarantee. Two homes were chosen, but both were deemed inappropriate for consumer's needs. Region has individual on the emergency placement list and is reviewing other placements with the family and the nursing home.
- Received a call from an individual who inquired if he could obtain information regarding a relative who resided at the Mansfield Training School. The relative lived at Mansfield during the 20's through the 60's. Spoke to CO psychologist who found limited information on the individual. Contacted person who was extremely happy that the department kept some information. Informed the person that deceased people are covered under HIPAA, (according to CO legal department) and proof of his relationship will still be needed. North Region is reviewing records to see if any additional information exists. A week later, received a second call regarding another individual at Mansfield.

Additional meetings:

- Met with VITAS' Public Affairs Director to discuss hospice services for DDS consumers. Asked for and received pertinent materials. Planning on having a meeting with a Clinical professional from one of their programs.
- OBRA meeting , many recommendations were made to improve oversight of DDS consumers.

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Areas of Concern

- Case Management - 4
- Case Management Requests - 4
- Day Program - 1
- Eligibility - 3
- Funding/Budget - 4
- Guardianship - 2
- Health & Safety - 2
- HIPAA - 3
- Information/Referral – 22
- Placement – 6
- Birth to 3- 1
- Autism-2
- School districts services-2

ISSUES/CONCERN TOTAL – 57