

PAIMI Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

The PAIMI Advisory Council met at 4:15 p.m. on June 4, 2013 at the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities.

Present: Marissa Walls, Jill Hall, Jerilyn Newson, Wallace Peterson, Kirk Lowry,
Tom Behrendt, Sara Frankel

Excused

Absence: Joseph Laliberte, Jr., Roy Lee and Deron Drumm and Marcia McIntosh

Guest: Steve Troop

Staff: James McGaughey, Executive Director, Bruce Garrison, PAIMI Assistant Program
Director, Jessica Rival, PAIMI Advocate

CALL TO ORDER

The PAIMI Advisory Council Meeting was called to order at 4:22 p.m. by Marisa Walls. Introductions were made.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes from April 2, 2013 PAIMI Advisory Council meeting were reviewed and accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

James McGaughey-Executive Director's Report

James McG updated the council on PAIMI's "Middletown Scream Room" joint investigation with the Office of the Child Advocate. To date, the report has not been released publicly. Reports generated by the Department of Education and the Department of Children and Families provided some accuracy in identifying the issues. Jamie Bell, the Child Advocate and James McG have met with the Commissioners of both agencies and a second meeting is forthcoming.

They are under increasing pressure to modify the current restraint and seclusion models in the shadow of the USDOE reflection of the lack of evidence to support the use of restraint and seclusion as effective tools in changing children's behavior. In addition, the Keeping Kids Safe Act, the Stop Hurting Kids Campaign, and others are increasingly shedding light on the issues. James McG reported that the P&A continues to work with the interagency collaborative committed to the process of decreasing and eliminating the use of restraint and seclusion. A symposium, a product of this collaboration, is scheduled for September 2013.

James McG noted that the House of Representatives held a hearing attended by witnesses Salley Sattel and E. Fuller Torrey on the issue of outpatient commitment, and the P&A's blocking of such efforts. SAMHSA reported no position on the issue.

James McG gave an update on the steering committee of the P&A boards. Different evolutionary outcomes were explored and the pros and cons of various manifestations discussed. It is expected that the steering committee will have a proposal developed for September/October 2013.

James McG discussed the effects that the sequestration will have on the PAIMI program. By the end of September, PAIMI will lose one full-time staff member due to budgetary cuts.

Nancy Alisberg – Managing Attorney's Report

Nancy is at the NDRN Conference, no report was given.

PAIMI Assistant Program Director's Report

Bruce G. discussed with the Council the reduction of resources that will be available to PAIMI in the next fiscal year, and suggested a re-evaluation of the current priorities. The activities authorized under PAIMI were reviewed as were the current priorities. Prior to the next meeting Bruce G will provide the PAIMI Council members with a revised priority charting document and call for ideas to be discussed at the next meeting.

The Annual PAIMI Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2013 from 4:15 – 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Garrison