

**DRAFT**  
**DDS North Region**  
**Advisory & Planning Council**

April 17, 2013  
Meeting Minutes

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Present: Florence Guite, Annette Scully, Jordan Scheff, Claudia Neumann

Guests: Donna Clauson, Collette Langner, Mary Lou O'Connor, Lori Sandora, Walter Glomb, Laura Glomb, Amy Blazawski

Absent: Nancy Bilyak, Sara Glad, Deby Godsell, Susan Miller, Patti Silva

Meeting began at 6:05 p.m.

Introductions were made for the guests of the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes were shared from the meeting held on March 20, 2013 and were accepted as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Regional Director's Updates –
  - Mr. Scheff reported that there was a stipulated agreement that was offered which opened up some new opportunities for retirements and we will probably be looking at losing approximately 300 staff between now and July 1<sup>st</sup>. There may be some ability to hire some direct care staff to help cover critical positions to be able to continue to run programs.
  - Respite Services – Public respite programs will be open seven days a week for a two week period during the summer in all of the Regions. After that time, all of the respite programs will return to a four day schedule, as they are currently, from Thursday evening through Monday morning.
  - We are expecting to be getting an update on the Governor's budget next Tuesday.
  - There are still a couple of bills being discussed in the legislature. One is regarding the opening of group homes and the other is regarding the ability to close programs. It is not expected that they will go anywhere, however, if they did, there is some concern that if we were not able to close programs, with all of the retirements, it will be very difficult to continue to cover current programs.
- Creative Housing Project –
  - Amy Blazawski reported that the head count for the World Café is presently at 19. Any Council members who are planning to attend and participate at one of the tables should be added to the registration list.

Walter Glomb reported that he visited the Vinfen space which should be a good location. The only issue is that there will be some cost for food. Amy will speak with Elisa Vilardo at Vinfen about the cost and then we can look for possible sponsors.

Mr. Glomb shared a packet of information and the list of supplies that will be needed was reviewed.

There was discussion regarding which questions should be presented. Eight questions need to be agreed upon. Mr. Glomb will put together the suggested revised list and email to other committee members. There was also discussion of possibly beginning with one shared, more general question that everyone would answer to get the event started and then giving one, more specific question to each group to discuss. This would change the format of the event, but it could be done that way. It was also suggested that an email be sent to everyone that signed up explaining what the event will be (the format of the event). It was decided that it would probably be better if it did not come from DDS. Walter stated that he would be willing to have it come from him. It was agreed that people should also be asked to let us know if they will be unable to attend because there is a waiting list.

Follow up from this meeting:

- Letter will be developed (to come from Walter)
- Amy will speak with Elisa Vilardo at Vinfen
- Amy will go through list of supplies to see what can be provided and what will still be needed
- Walter will revise the questions and send by email to the committee

The World Café event will be held on **Thursday, May 16, 2013**.

There will be an Advisory Council meeting held on **Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.** Final plans for the World Café will be discussed.

Submitted by,  
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