

**Advisory Committee to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Disabled**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 9, 2014**

**Members Present:** Jason Weiland, Lauren Willis, Renee Davidson and Julie Doerrmann, Nancy Yarosh, Lauren Casey, and Carol Uckar, Frank Latham, Dennie Todd ( the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities.), Kevin Sullivan, Bernadette Pasqua (potential member) , Julie Doerrmann

**DMHAS Representative Present:** Lily Britton

**Members excused:** Lauren Willis, Renee Davidson

**Visitor:** Beverly Burns (Advancing Opportunities, Rutgers University Behavioral Health) did not call or show.  
Julie Doerrmann (Center for Family Services)

**Interpreters:** Lori Adams, Meg Ellis, Jeanette Voight (CART)

**Provider's Reports**

Rutgers: Did not show. The website still has incorrect information. A site visit will be conducted before the next Advisory Committee Meeting.

Advancing Opportunities: Beverly Burns presented on activities and future activities, including her presentation to children at the Katzenbach School for the Deaf. Discussion and approval of this accomplishment followed the report.

Center for Family Services: Julie Doerrmann reported that Nadine, the new person hired to provide services for south Jersey, is out on medical leave. An update on services will be reported at the next meeting. Julie reported the events going on at CFS and difficulties and successes in the grant. Training for mentors will be taking place and it was suggested that this also included those with disabilities and other issues. Discussion followed the report.

March minutes were read aloud and approved.

**Chairperson Report**

Jason Weiland reported that the Division of Deaf and hard of hearing (DDHH) would no longer be mailing the Monthly Communicator and discussion took place at the issues that this decision would cause.

Bernadette Pasqua was introduced to the committee. She is awaiting confirmation to be a committee member.

Jason discussed that the Department of Treasury released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for foreign language and American Sign Language (ASL) services in late 2012 that would have one agency servicing the state for any request for these types of services. Since that time, the RFP was put on hold and no re-release date is known at his time.

Concern regarding the recent layoff of staff from the State psychiatric hospitals and those working with people who are Deaf was presented. No working solution was announced.

**Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) Report/ Lily Britton**

Advertising for DMHAS services Available for Deaf, HOH and Disabled - A full report will be at the September meeting. Three members are needed.

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) update was given and more information will be given in June when the committee will do a short presentation at the Coalition meeting.

Announcement of the Statewide Coalition meeting / sub- committee meeting will begin in June 2014. Arrangements for interpreters will be provided.

Announcement of a change in meeting place for September 10<sup>th</sup>. Because of a book sale at this location on that date, we will move to the Lawrenceville Library at the same time.