

**Non-residential DV Subcommittee Meeting Notes  
November 17, 2008**

Attendees:

Present in Albany:

Jeanine Costley- Sanctuary for Families  
Kathy Magee- Equinox  
Anne Ball-OCFS  
Pam Jobin- OCFS

Unable to Attend:

Rose Garrity-A New Hope Ctr.  
Bincy Jacob-My Sister's Place  
Lucia Riviuccio-STEPS to End Violence  
Karen Colquhoun-Erie Co DSS

On the phone:

Beth Feder - Sanctuary for Families  
Dottie Barraco-Hetnar- Vera House  
Pamela Johnston- VIBS  
Jessica Vasquez- NYSCADV  
Tracy Thorne- HRA

All materials for committee are available on OPDV and OCFS websites

Why did you choose this committee?

- To increase familiarity with non-res regs
- To represent legal concerns from agency's perspective
- Specific concerns regarding children's art therapy program
- Interested in increasing/and or enforcing the standards by which a non-res program is approved
- To discuss funding issues and how funding may be expanded for non-res( this brought up a reminder to share this info with Ned's TANF \$3mil subcommittee)

State staff role on subcommittees:

- State staff are NOT members
- Silent partners
- Help establish the subcommittee and provide support as requested by subcommittee members
- Provide meeting rooms, phone lines, draft meeting summaries, as needed

Look to balancing membership

- Large vs small communities,
- rural vs suburban vs urban,
- reps from all geographical areas of the state

Suggestion was made to find a rep from another upstate smaller program.  
Jessica offered to reach out to some programs.

Role of Chairperson:

- Take care of logistics of meetings
- Direct the development of a work plan for subcommittee ( due 12/19)
- Be prepared to report out on subcommittees work plan, deliverables and any progress made
- Establish time frames for deliverables

Next large group meeting will be in January 2009.

Volunteers for Chairperson were requested. No one volunteered during this meeting.

Summary of issues:

- Standards are minimal and do not address quality or best practice
- Need to “beef up” requirements
- Oversight procedures are unclear
- County Service Plans’ requirements may need to be redefined and more thorough.
  - Possibly, build into plan requirements some relationship with LDSS/non-res, tightening oversight at local level
- Would LDSS be willing/able to provide oversight for non-res?
- Currently no certificates or ongoing monitoring of non-res, should this be changed?
- Could OCFS be given oversight, even if a non-residential program gets no OCFS funding?
- Would legislative changes be needed to provide OCFS with authority for oversight?
- Other options for approving programs could include NYSCADV credentialing, peer review
- More thorough assessment of a program needs to be done prior to approval, not after the fact when there is a problem.
- New programs must be made to demonstrate community need before they are approved
- Peer review could be an issue re pressure from LDSS to support programs due to political pressures
- Definition of counseling needs to be made consistent between residential and non-residential programs
- Eligibility ( 462.6 (b) (i) )- re eligibility for non-residential services, needs language clarification
  - Jessica V. offered to attempt a rewrite and bring back to the group
- Screening and face-to-face recommendations-should this be in regs or best practices?
  - Possibly add to regs that a policy is required, this would allow programs to decide how they will screen and provide some flexibility amongst programs
  - ie. men, LGBT etc..

Assignments for members:

- Take a look at definitions and C&FS plan requirements
- Identify the problem from DV Workgroup Discussion Chart “Concerns About Non-Res Program Approvals”- Is the problem.....
  1. that LDSS approved a program that does not meet the standards **AND/OR**
  2. standards are so minimal that any program can come through the door without much effort?
- Everyone will reach out to another program in their county (or vicinity) and to ask about non-res concerns and challenges they have had in their counties

- Jessica will identify some programs that are having challenges from a non-res perspective and which would be good to call for additional info. She mentioned:
    - Haven House- (Kathy M. will call Katie Joyce)
    - Grace Smith House
- as options.

Suggestions/next steps:

- OCFS will try and locate the quality assurance guide worked on previously by OCFS, OPDV and NYSCADV, but never officially released and distribute for members' review
- Option of inviting OCFS legal to next meeting to answer SCR questions will be reviewed
- Members will share what they find from above assignments prior to or at next meeting
- Next meeting will be **Friday, December 5, 3pm-5pm.**
- PLEASE think about volunteering as chairperson at this meeting.