

Advancing Our Youth Coalition

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: September 2, 2004
Time: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Centennial Hall

Attendees:

Steve Bradshaw, Aryeh Levenson, Deb Knaff, Janie Hogue, Jon Wunrow, Louise Brady, Tom Clarke, and Phyllis Horvath

Decisions Made

- ◆ Agenda Item #1 addressed whether or not AOY agency members wanted to collaborate (collaboration as a decision-making process) on specific agreed-upon issues.
 - **No final decision was reached. Further discussion is needed in order to more completely understand the ramifications of collaboration.**
- ◆ Agenda Item #2 addressed a request for help from YAS regarding the impact on delivery of its services caused by state decisions to consolidate state-granted substance abuse and mental health programs and reduce the number of Medicaid billing numbers.
 - **Members decided to not address this from a community-wide service delivery perspective at this time because the two organizations most directly affected, SCAPS and YAS, are currently in discussions about how to best address the state mandates. As a result of these discussions, any potential gaps in services may be avoided**
 - **The Steering Committee agreed to send a letter to YAS and to SCAPS offering any assistance that might be needed.**
 - **Members decided to send a letter to the state introducing AOY; expressing its concern about the potential gaps in services that could result from the mandated consolidation of these programs; and indicating its interest in being involved in the overall and continuing process of consolidation and integration of their services.**
- ◆ **Although not an original agenda item, the Steering Committee agreed to write a letter to the City Assembly supporting the conditional use permit for the SCAPS expansion and asking the Assembly members to not allow misconceptions about mental illness enter into the decision-making process.**

Action Items

- ◆ Janie will compose draft of the letter to the Assembly; members will review and provide input; and Phyllis will finalize and distribute. Completed 9/7/04. (Copy is attached)
- ◆ Phyllis will compose draft of letter to SCAPS and YAS Boards for Aryeh's signature. Completed 9/16/04. (Copy is attached)
- ◆ Phyllis will compose draft of letter to state, also for Aryeh's signature. This letter will go out at a later date.