

PAIMI Advisory Council Meeting

April 18th, 2020

Meeting held via Zoom

Members attending: Heidi Campbell, Katthy Carrillo, Pamela Durham, Caroline Gendelman, David Henry, Steve Hornstein, Amanda Long, and Kristina Stelling

Members absent: Bonnie Neighbor and Brian Parrish

Staff attending: Colleen Miller: Kourtney Wilson, and Tonya Kinlow

Review of Agenda Call to order 1036

- A. Mission Statement: read by Tina
- B. Public Comment: Steve reported he applied for a position that was posted on dLCV website. He expressed concern with the lack of response from dLCV. Stated no one called him for interview or had seen his resume. Stated after years of volunteer work and he was disappointed in how the situation was handled.
- C. Introductions: none
- D. Individual Advocacy Updates
 - Caroline gave updates on who are guardians of those in facilities regarding DNR codes . Larger need of how to approach level of care and DNR. Concerns with the verification of conversation forms. Discussing when they would intervention was discussed. Should he become ill , only comfort care was a little bit troublesome
 - Heidi: Discussed the differences in COVID response across the state
 - Tonya: Information from another state. Information about things going on with waiver
 - Colleen: If anyone is encountering issues with the stimulus checks impacting SS, there are resources on the dLCV site.
 - David: Reports a change the visitation protocols at his facility
 - Kathy: Discussed the ARCH helping people diagnosed with ID to restore competency. She expressed concern that individuals are being “railroaded”. Kathy inquired if dLCV can help with this issue. Colleen spoke to how dLCV was working with the ARCH to keep people from being institutionalized.

Discussion

Review of application for PAIMI membership:

Tina expressed concern regarding the current process to review applications prior to nomination. At this point, we do not have a standard process. Nicole reviews applications. Tina reported that other groups she has been involved with review the application as a group. If privacy is of concerned, we could review in closed session. Application would not be in the packet.

Nicole said council had decided not to do this, for example if there are mental health concerns.

Colleen said we would have to make it clear that their information would be shared with numerous people

Colleen said the federal program that created PAIMI has specific requirement of the matrix of who must be on the council. Colleen reiterated that appointments to council are made by the board president. If we decided to put review applicants, a disclaimer could put on the form to include a statement of review process.

Colleen inquired if there had been issues with previous applicants

Tina stated, if we did go the route this information would be shared by the council. Tina questioned the decision that the president makes the final determination

Colleen said it has never been an issue except when once when the council included too many providers. Another time the president knew the person and did not want person on the board

Tina inquired if anyone opposed to reviewing the applications in closed session and questioned if there are procedures for closed session, we would have to add to bylaws. Suggested to present vote electronically and vote at next meeting. Vote on changing bylaws: approve unanimously

Recruitment of new members

Steve stated the ARCH of Northern VA is strong (Lucy Beadnell) if you are looking for people, she might be a good resource. Steve will get information to Tina

Nicole reviewed membership: Need 12-15 and we have 10. Colin's term ends, Amanda ends next month, and Brian's can come back for a second term in August

We have one applicant

Tina discussed requirements

- 1 Attorney

- 1 Parent of a minor child

- 60% must have received mental health services

Caroline has someone who might be interested

Pam to reach out to family members

Need four individuals who have received mental health services

Amanda can check in with people for both consumers and parents

Steve goes to day program in Arlington he can reach out to those people

Tina wrote a blurb to get out to social media and get out podcast to spread the word.

Tonya: Could put the information out to other organizations

Amanda questioned if it worth posting in Connect Virginia

Need people from Tidewater are (Tina will reach out)

Colleen reiterated we are looking for consumers not just family members

Kathy questioned should she reach out to someone in her same area and would there be a conflict of interest. There is nothing in bylaws that states this, but this is a goal

Steve inquired if Brandon represented northern Virginia area

Needs include representative from: tidewater area and southwest Virginia

Get this on the agenda because so many people are interested

dLCV response to COVID

Review by Colleen Miller: In packet review what provided to board

dLCV has been working on goals and focus areas people with disabilities who have been affected by COVID crisis, so objectives did not have to be rewritten.

Focusing on COVID impact using standard technique

Monitoring CHRIS reports to zero in on community reports that show effects of COVID. As of meeting date there have been 140 reports, of someone with a disability being impacted due to virus. People who sought treatment and could not get them

Monitoring incident reports in state facilities related to COVID, no reports of anyone who has tested positive for COVID

Ongoing communication with state operated facilities. Making arrangement to speak remotely. Staffing issues and contact tracing difficult with remote access but they have been deemed essential visitors

Discharges have been suspended due to CSBs not being able to respond

Human right waivers have been issued

1. Visitation
2. Providing treatment Eastern state is doing a good job by modifying treatment program

3. Received complaint that Northern Virginia wanted to deny access to mail but this was clarified. There was too much mail coming in for processing.

Suspended meetings of LHRC. They cannot meet electronically, trying to get amendments out of the legislature can't meet on anything confidential. Just address public issues

Tina inquired about hospitals attended responses

Nicole has a similar plan to have across state facilities have some type of plan and they have policies and procedures some facilities are doing treatment, and some are not. If they are making mistakes that rise to the level of abuse, dLCV will intervene

Juvenile justice facilities report a quarter of their population who have tested positive. Four are sick Bon Air

A few organizations asking for release for non-dangerous offenders for adults and children. Joining with organizations to discharge youth who are not dangerous, but considering infection level they may not be released

Check out resources on social security issues will stimulus impact SS benefits working to get information on COVID page. There are a series of short videos with issues dLCV is encountering on COVID, quick put together to share information

Check out Podcast

dLCV has been trying to address systems issues in face of this crisis with the focus working with either DBH and/or DMAS to have stuff on their web page

Working with DMAS to help people living in the community when they can't access services

Caroline asked if they were still doing visits to the sites if needed

Colleen reports one planned onsite visit

Reminder for everyone to get bio to Nicole

Meeting adjourned 11:57