

ACE ONE-ON-ONE ADVOCACY WORK GROUP MEETING NOTES

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The Independence Center of Colorado Springs

Topics

1. Fiscal Scan (Rebecca Kahn, Project Manager for the Spark Policy Institute will report)
 - a. Results
 - b. What is some possible collaboration we should pursue?
2. Advocacy Training
 - a. The ADARA Conference of 2016 will be held in Colorado Springs. The conference will focus on mental health. The theme is: Alternative therapy and counseling. We may want to pursue hosting a pre-conference session on 1-1 advocacy training prior to the ADARA conference. Typically there is a preconference day—Angela will discuss ideas with the ADARA Conference committee that are outside of the conference agenda and bring it back to the summit group for discussion.
 - i. Angela, Naomi, and Matthew are on the planning committee. The MHCD is hosting the conference in the Pikes Peak Region. They will meet on Monday at the Independence Center, and discuss vendors, breakout sessions, etc. Angela will have information ready to share at the ACE Summit.
 - ii. It will be held on March 16-19, 2016.
 - iii. See Facebook ADARA Breakout 2016 for more information.
 - iv. ADARA's Conference will provide a focus on well-being
 1. Delivery of healthcare and behavioral healthcare services in the U.S. is changing rapidly. There is a growing emphasis on treating the whole person through integrated care and integrated systems. Rather than a focus on “managing” disease, there is now the opportunity to optimize well-being.
 2. ADARA focuses on providing professional development and networking opportunities for behavioral health professionals, administrators and related professionals serving deaf, deafened, deaf-blind and hard of hearing.
 3. ADARA's areas of focus include:
 - Wholistic Approaches and Integrated Care
 - Evidenced-Based and Best Practices
 - Trauma-Informed Care
 - v. ACE will consider adding table or booth to advertise ACE resources. ACE members should commit to taking turns to cover the table.
 - vi. Breakout sessions:
 1. ACE representatives could present the resources available in Colorado for mental health services: Daylight Project would be ideal to lead this.
 - a. Resources should be relevant to mental health services for ACE stakeholders.
 2. ACE representatives could identify best-practices in communication access for mental health care.
 - a. ACE could outline the importance of forming peer support groups with individuals to share situations and not feel isolated alone.
 - b. Independent Living Center Alliance in Colorado – addresses isolation and lack of access, first responder access.

- b. ADA Symposium 2016 in Denver
 - i. It will be held June 19-22
 - ii. The 2014 Conference in Denver was attended primarily by ADA Coordinators and Human Resource personnel which may be a strong indicator of our potential target audience.
 - iii. We need to determine who will present on behalf of ACE. The purpose will be to give this conference more information on how to effectively work with deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind individuals.
- c. The first steps to developing our 1-on-1 advocacy training are:
 - i. We need to develop a skeleton agenda to give us the idea of where to start.
 - ii. We need to brainstorm ideas together and not duplicate each other's efforts.
 - iii. Angela will collect ideas, put them together, and present them to the One-on-One workgroup.
 - iv. We need to discuss how we can collaborate with each other.

Standing Agenda Topics

- 3. Next WG Meeting:
 - a. Summits are January, May, September. We will meet February, April, June, August, October, and December. This workgroup prefers to determine when to meet as the time to meet approaches.
- 4. 1-1 Advocacy at the next ACE Summit:
 - a. What topics do we want to discuss at the next ACE Summit?
 - i. Need to address membership for the other Independence Centers, because one of their federally mandated core services is advocacy. For example, the Mile High Center in Denver like other centers could benefit from training on advocacy and their advocate needs our support which in turn could benefit ACE stakeholders. Training could include information on referral to another entity that is better equipped to provide technical assistance.
 - b. What outcome/s do we need from the Summit on those topics?
 - i. ADARA – for ACE to identify resources that will provide effective referrals for mental health services and how to provide effective services for our stakeholders.
 - ii. ADA Symposium – for ACE to identify what effective communication access really means for individuals who use interpreters (what does qualified mean?), and effective communication access for hard of hearing and deaf-blind individuals. Possible topic for review: DOJ policy guidance on effective communication and equal access.

This workgroup request 1 hour to present their information, but it will be dependent on whether or not there are break-out sessions that will eat up time.

- c. Angela will send the form electronically or bring the form “collecting ideas for one-on-one advocacy training.”

Additional items for discussion:

- 1. Angela will share during Summit: All center just received a boost in funding of \$600,000 each year to support services which includes 20,000 for interpreter services.
- 2. Angela wants to discuss how CCDHH CAA tool can be used to educate stakeholders.
- 3. Angela wants to share HLAA progress on getting loop systems installed.
- 4. Angela's proposal: ACE Conference in 2017 – National conference for service providers who want to share what they are doing for advocacy and their goals for advocacy.

