

**IQC  
Conference Call  
May 20, 2008  
9:30 am – 12:00 pm**

**Attendees:** Bob Wessels (Chair), Wynona Holt (Vice-Chair), Charm Thometz, Ed DeBardleben, Beverly DeStories, Margaret Buono, Mark Barry, Suzanne Sewell, Martha Martinez, Patty Houghland, Jean Sherman, Steve Roth, Leigh Meadows, Pamela Kyllonen, Kelly Hensley, Ed Rousseau, Linda Mabile, Steve Dunaway,

Others?

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Bob Wessels**

Bob Wessels began the meeting with a roll call and a review of the agenda. Bob asked for approval or corrections of the past minutes. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The next agenda item reviewed IQC member term limits. It was noted that Idelio Valdez, Beverly DeStories were completing their limit of tenure and new members were needed to assume their positions. Also, Scott Barrish is leaving Florida and moving to Nevada, so there is need for a self-advocate to fill his vacancy. Bob discussed membership of AHCA representatives noting that they had decided to have two (2) staff on the IQC and two (2) on the Advisory Group, leaving 2 vacant positions on IQC. The open slots would go to a person receiving APD services and to family representative. Beverly asked for clarification of whether she and Idelio would move directly to the Advisory Group. Bob noted the need for formal request to move to the Advisory and Linda asked that they each submit their intent to Ed Rousseau.

**Quality Assurance Contract**

**Steve Dunaway/Kelly Hensley**

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**General Update From APD**

**Linda Mabile**

Linda reported that Jane Johnson had announced her resignation and intent to leave APD prior to the end of May.

She reported on activities related to APD implementation of processes directed by the 2008 Legislature beginning with the Tiers activity. She noted the Tiers concept was originally passed by Florida's 2007 Legislature and an implementation plan is now underway but that it faces legal challenge from the

Advocacy Center and is to be heard on June 9-10, 2008. Although actual implementation of the Tiers is on hold until a decision based on the hearing, she noted that APD is now reviewing cost plans and working to verify assignment of people receiving services to each Tier based upon service configurations and that each Tier will have a funding cap. Implementation by July 1 as stipulated by the Legislature is doubtful. Once the decision is made, should APD be allowed to proceed, notice must be given to each person receiving services. A new timeline will have to be released once the hearing office issues a decision.

Linda then reported on the rate reduction exercise prompted by the Legislature's requirement that APD trim approximately \$43 million from its service budget. She noted that Personal Care Attendant services are being reduced to \$15 per hour consistent with AHCA rates realignment. Finally, Linda reported that the Pre-Service Authorization (PSA) bid and selection process was underway and that she would have Lorena Fulcher send information on implementation.

**General Update From AHCA**

**Pamela Kyllonen/Kelly Hensley**

Pamela and Kelly reiterated the procurement process for the new QA contract timelines would be sent to the IQC members. Ed DeBardleben raised the question of whether APD acting as the contracted provider could generate the 75% match and was told that was not possible as the federal response was that there can be no award to a state agency.

Pamela noted that the handbook revisions underway are currently on hold but she and Linda noted that the Agencies will begin implementing those items that are not under protest. They also noted that there is a change in the number of hours allowed per person for support of meaningful day activities from 35 to 30 hours per week.

Finally, Pamela reported that Holley Benson is the new AHCA Director.

**Wrap Up**

**Bob Wessels**

Bob provided a short report on the work group focused on reshaping the expectations and advisory functions as the future of the IQC. He volunteered to reestablish the work group and report on suggested changes.

Future IQC meetings were discussed as being undecided at this point. It was suggested that IQC continue to plan on September, December, March and June meetings, but that financial constraints may require that some of the meetings be held using conference calls. Ed Rousseau is to follow up and provide updates to the group based on APD management team decisions as to funding available to support future meetings.