

Policy Practice Group Notes

May 20, 2009

12:45: Introductions

12:50: Definition Discussion

-Add “action” to definition.

i.e.: “This group will identify priority, **and take action in**, areas that need attention related to policies that impact the lives of families with children with ASD /DD.”

-Tabled for further discussion.

13:05: Issues to work on:

Steve: Introduce legislation for residential home sprinklers (Safety Issues). Had discussion about “Child Alert” program with the state.

Liz: Discussed improving the waiver. Second, building a system of support infrastructure information assistance (funding and talking to “live bodies”). Third, Greater level of coordination and consolidation of funding.

Bill: Requirement for what a “behavior specialist” (Qualification for what that means).

Maureen: Disparity among ethnic groups and poor vs. other states. Unable to access education records. Try to get DPI to release records.

Betty: Seclusion/Restraints in schools from DRW report. (Bill currently being drafted)

Carol: Unknowledgeable about what is “out there”. Second, Insurance parity in regards to mental health restrictions (autism is only a small piece of the pie). I.e.: what it means to the health structure.

13:50: Determine action items.

- 1) Try to get DPI to release education records. (Maureen)
- 2) Waiver issues (Liz)