

STIR SELF ADVOCACY TEAM MAKES PRESENTATION AT LCBDD BOARD MEETING

STIR (Steps Towards Independence & Responsibility) gave a presentation at the LCBDD Board meeting last night to share what they learned in their training. Frank Chatfield, Shirley Knight, Bryan Krehn, Ty Ferguson and Shirley Knight were accompanied by the facilitators Karen Hesson-Brady and Lisa Davidson.

Their training has helped them learn leadership skills and how to become better self advocates. The new self advocacy team decided on a name: S.A.F.E. – Self Advocacy for Everyone. This team also developed a vision: “To help others feel safe & comfortable to “speak up” at any time. “

The newly developed S.A.F.E. team expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to participate in STIR. They plan to share what they learned with others through monthly meetings and they are scheduled to present at the LCBDD In-Service on Friday August 23, 2013 at the First Church of God.

Superintendent Bauer announced that the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive held on Wednesday July 31st was a success. We were able to collect 25 pints of blood and had thirteen first time donors with the Community Blood Center. The competition with the Logan County Sheriff Department, Bellefontaine Police Department and Bellefontaine Fire Department was won by the Bellefontaine Fire Department. They will receive the traveling trophy and bragging rights. The next blood drive will be held Friday October 4, 2013 at the Discovery Center from 12-4 pm. The agency goal is to get 40 blood donors. This blood drive will support the fight against cancer. Donors can schedule an appointment at www.donortime.com or contact Deb Morrison at 937-292-3011.

In other board activity, Superintendent Bauer presented a proposal for a new agency logo. This new logo was approved by the Board and it will be unveiled to the employees at the staff In-Service next Friday. The Board publicly recognized Alyssa Dodds, daughter of Diane Parsons, for her creative interpretation of our mission statement into our new logo.

Superintendent Bauer reviewed a new policy that was approved by the board for Utilizing County Dollars as a last resort. This policy ensures that individuals being served must utilize Medicaid Waivers prior to using county funds and will be effective September 1, 2013. Mr. Bauer was happy to announce that we are compliant with this policy prior to the effective date.

The Board received a final audit report and a management representation letter from the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission. The audit was of the VRP Bridges program for the period 4/11/12-9/30/12 and was performed to satisfy the monitoring requirements applicable to a service provider as required by federal regulations and the provisions reflected within the agreement between RSC and each contractor. An integral part of the audit was directed toward identifying and assessing controls related to program compliance and to perform a sufficient level of substantive testing to assess compliance with pertinent state and federal regulations. The audit determined that the financial reports submitted to RSC were free of material misstatements. There were no audit findings regarding funds or services provided by Logan County Board of DD or RTC Industries. The audit did question cost and fund balances for Miami County in the amount of \$604.61.

Three additional policies were amended at the board meeting to ensure compliance with federal regulations: Chapter 3 Fiscal Policy, 5.7.42 Time Reporting and 5.7.8 Expense Reimbursement.

The next finance committee meeting, is scheduled for September 12th 2013 @2:30 pm at the Logan County Board of DD board office conference room at 1851 St. Rt. 47 West, Bellefontaine. The next board meeting takes place on Thursday, September 19th at 5:30 pm in the board conference room. These meetings are open to the public.

Debra Morrison
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