

Teleconference Minutes 1/16/09

Participants: Melody Stempien, Dan Zeidman, Nat Fields, Shirley DeBono, Barbara Palmateer, Paul Feuerstein, Bonnie Genevich, Patti Jo Newell, Sandra Townsend, Robin Bronstein, Marie Phillips

Melody reviewed the minutes from 12/9/08.

Follow up: Nat spoke with Rachel Halperin, Chair of Services Committee. She does not have enough info at this time.

Discussion began with the questionnaire. Do we need to add High School level and experience? Melody told us that regs do not require a degree for any position except Director.

Further discussion regarding the questionnaire: What do we want to know?

Will the questionnaire capture everything we need?

Maybe NYS CADV will ask the questions?

A definition of 'counseling' was requested.

Best contact: State staff

Patti Jo will take comments from current questionnaire and make a new survey.

Comments are due by January 30-new draft by Feb 4.

Nat will coordinate with Jaime on the Services Committee.

A suggestion was made to mark all draft items with number of draft and date to differentiate the drafts.

A suggestion was made that we should be careful about making regs that might be unfunded.

One concern mentioned was regarding length of stay.

Some DSS will not pay more than 30 days & expect too many behavior changes from traumatized women.

We need to check with shelters to discover any problems with DSS. We should coordinate with other committees.

Reg 408.8 says that counties can reduce stays.

Feb 5th meeting: talk with other committees re their info

Whoever wants to be part of the teleconference should get back to Nat by 1/27.

Next workgroup teleconference 2/27/09 @ 1:30.

NOTE: This date will be changed to either 3/2 or 3/9.

