

Goal 6 Teleconference

March 20, 2015

SPIL Goal 6 – DSUs provide Independent Living Services

In attendance: Teresa Staley, Deidre Dockery, Pamela Lloyd-Ogoke, Oshana Watkins, and Will Miller (SILC Office)

Meeting chaired by: Teresa Staley

Objective 6.1: people with disabilities have greater access to transportation in their communities.

Deidre reported that there are 57 local support groups for people who are blind or visually-impaired that exists statewide, and whose members are encouraged to participate on local transportation advisory committees. These are called Visually-Impaired Persons (VIP) Support Groups. DSB Social workers assists to facilitate the groups, which are all different and many of which are consumer led. DSB facilitates and assists, but tries to get consumers to take on initiative and lead the groups.

The Committee discussed the local advisory committees in Greensboro. Deidre said she thinks that each local transportation system has an advisory committee of PWDs, and suggested that Mark Whisenant, the new ADA Coordinator at NCDOT, and Tamara Shaw, would be good people to talk to about this. The Committee agreed that Mark and Tamara would be good speakers for a future Goal 6 committee meeting.

Objective 6.2: people with disabilities have the supports necessary to live independently and safely in the communities of their choice.

Pamela reported that VR has hired two new staff to help coordinate transitional services. Both Deidre and Pamela serve as part of the No Wrong Door (NWD) program through the Division of Aging.

Deidre reported that DSB lost IL positions in Greenville and Fayetteville, but hired a new counselor in Wilmington. More details on performance of these activities will be in the ex officio reports for the April 10 SILC meeting.

Objective 6.3: Veterans with disabilities receive seamless supports and services that allow them to live independently.

The Committee discussed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the DVRS and VA offices in Winston-Salem. The MOA referenced sharing of information and coordination of services. Pamela reported that training would also be provided among the agencies in the Winston-Salem area. This model may filter out through the state. Pamela will look into the progress of this collaboration and update the Committee. Does the NC Assistive Technology Program also have a MOA with VA?

New business: Pamela offered to speak with Mark (new ADA Coordinator at DOT) to see if he can join the Committee for a future teleconference.

Next Goal 6 teleconference: Friday, April 17 at 11:15 AM (3rd Friday of each month)

Respectfully submitted by Will Miller
