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Real Choice Systems Change Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004 - 11:30 a.m.

Committee members present:

Stan Kosloski, Paul Duarte, Mary Hannigan, Sue Tuthill, Dana Parfitt, and Jim Flannigan

One new member, Aneida Dees, has joined our committee.

Lorraine Sanborn, who works with Stan Kosloski as an intern, was a guest at the meeting.

Meeting got underway at 11:45 a.m.

Members of the committee were up-dated on the following

- ✓ Much of the information on the "Making Real Choices" booklet has been compiled. Jim Flannigan reported that the book has been reviewed by Carrie Czerwinski, Stan Kosloski, and Chris Gaynor. He further stated that he and Stan will meet after the meeting to go over the booklet. Stan reported that Chris has turned over the review of the booklet to him, and will defer to his suggestions. Jim hopes to complete the booklet by the end of the year after incorporating changes that have been suggested.
- ✓ Mary Hannigan reported that Shawn Greeley has completed all of his interviews, and has only to edit the video to complete it. He hopes to have a finished product by Christmas. Mary stated the only cost to the committee will be the video tapes needed to produce copies. Once the finished product is reviewed by the committee a decision will be made on the number of copies to be produced.
- ✓ Jim Flannigan talked about the mentoring program. He suggested that with the holidays the program should be concentrated on after the first of the year. The committee agreed with the suggestion.
- ✓ Jim Flannigan reported that he has been in contact with the Human Resources Department, and they state the training of Town employees had been completed. He stated that when he spoke to Mary about this she stated that not all of the supervisors were trained. Jan Lehrman stated she will check with Gary Lehrman to determine who did receive the training.

- ✓ Jim reported that he has been in contact with Kathy Scully, of the Board of Education, concerning the Second Step Players doing a presentation at the High School. She requested information about the group to present to the principle of the school. She was receptive to the idea of the program, and will work with the school and committee in having the program presented.
- ✓ Jim Flannigan reported that Eileen Cicchese was not going to be able to attend the meeting, but had sent him some notes about the meeting with the Groton Regional Theater. That some of the ideas that came from the meeting included conducting workshops, conducting inclusion training for the theater group, and hiring a coordinator to help with the inclusion process. Jan Lehrman was also at the meeting, and followed up on the notes from Eileen. She advised that the group would like to conduct workshops on Saturday to cover set design, construction, acting, and make-up to name a few areas. Aneida Dees reported there is also a group in Norwich, the Spirit of Broadway, which also includes those with disabilities in their performances. She was going to follow up to see if the committee could become involved with them.
- ✓ Dana Parfitt reported the training for the pre-school and child care facilities is planned for January and February of 2005. They are still in the process of securing instructors for the program. Stan advised that any assistance that is needed to contact him. Once the program is scheduled Dana will present an invoice for the program.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Jim Flannigan