

Town of Groton
Real Choices Systems Change Meeting
Groton Senior Center – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 7, 2004

Committee Members Present: Mary Jo Riley, Kate Peruzzotti, Mary Hannigan, Carrie and Susan Zimmerman

Kate and Susan reported on a meeting that was held earlier in the day with Lisa Cooney who is a member of the Learn staff.

The topics that were covered included the role that Learn would be playing in the Training for Pre-School and Day Care Center. Lisa Cooney expressed some degree of concern as far as what we were looking for her organization to do.

Three different options were covered:

- A. Learn has a curriculum that they follow when offering the training for the instructors which results in the participants receiving accreditation. The curriculum, although it would not necessarily address inclusion, could be held over the summer. This curriculum is one that was originally set up by the University of Connecticut Center on Disabilities. Suggested length of this workshop is approx. 15 – 20 hours.
- B. The second option would be that we select the training topics and Learn would provide the personnel to our committee on an individual basis. Accreditation for participants would be available. This option would be a more condensed version of the first option. One benefit of this option is that there would be more freedom in selecting the facilitators for this training than in A.
- C. The final option was that we offer the training in the form of a community forum. Our committee would advertise certain topics such as ADD and ADHD and select a facilitator to lead the individual sessions. Personnel for this program could be secured through Learn or University of Connecticut Center on Disabilities.

Discussion on each topic followed. The three options will be discussed at the Grant Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Meeting notes submitted by Mary Hannigan