

Door of Opportunity Voice

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People's Rights!

The People's Rights group met on Thursday, April 9, 2009 to do their election of officers for the 2009-2010 year. The group met at the Artesia Country Club at 4:00 pm. Participants were served tea, coffee, water, with scones and cookies. Everyone was dressed up in their very best and enjoyed their business meeting. The most important business being held that evening was elections. The following people were running for office: Presidential nominees included; Daniel, Karen B., and George. Vice Presidential nominees included; Dana and Lynn. Secretary nominees included; Karen L., Mary Ellen, and Larry S. Treasurer nominees included; Billy and Lynette. Each person running for office gave a short speech about why they should hold the office they were running for. After the speeches, people immediately began to

exercise their right to vote. Ballots for voting were given to each individual. Assistance was offered by Joli Smith if someone needed help with reading or writing.

After the ballots were tallied, the following people were elected or re-elected for office: George (incumbent)- President, Dana- Vice President, Mary Ellen- Secretary, and Billy(incumbent)- Treasurer.

Pictured above from left to right: Billy J., MaryEllen B., Dana C., and George G.



Congratulations to all!! People's Rights has big plans for the year. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 4:00pm at the Wellhead Patio. We will also be celebrating Billy's birthday.

Volunteer Work Is Fun and Rewarding.

During the Day Program all individuals are encouraged to do as much volunteer work as possible. They have the opportunities to do Meals on Wheels on a daily basis, the Highway Cleanup at least twice a month, picking up cans for Habitat for Humanity

weekly, and to work on the newsletters at the Chamber of Commerce at least once a month. All of the individuals know that volunteer work that they do is very important not only for the community but for themselves as well. They understand that they are bet-

ter people for doing it and the hours that they spend volunteering count towards trips, such as the yearly cruises, that they are able to take with the Door of Opportunity.

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People's Rights Elections

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2009

Special Olympics

Summer Games

It's that time of year where we're practicing hard for the State Special Olympic Games in Alb., NM on May 29th –May 31st. In preparation for the Summer Games, our folks had to participate in the Area Games in Carlsbad, NM on April 25th. The participants were:

Relay

Shawn Stuffelbeam, John McDill, Christopher Martz, Lenna Medina. Karen Lane participated in 50 meter walk. Ronald Garcia participated in 25 me-

ter run.

Albesa Sanchez participated in 25 meter assisted walk.

Charles Mauldin participated in 25 meter assisted walk.

George Gomez participated in 25 meter assisted walk.

Bocce Doubles

Karen Bell & Fran Silva

MaryEllen Blankenship & Cheryl

Kenney

Kenneth Floyd & Cody Franklin

Billy Jacobsen & Shawn Stuffelbeam

John McDill & Leo Moreno

Douglas Bouchard & Larry Silva

Lenna Medina & Ron Morse

Unified Teams were:

Albert Anderson & Miriam Hernandez

Dana Carpenter & Bennie Mendez

Bicycling:

Randy Cordova

Cody Woodward

Lynette Martinez

Cris Diaz

Daniel Watkins

Everyone had fun and a variety of ribbons came home, we are very proud of each and every athlete. Thanks to all the staff and volunteers who made the event memorable.

Family Forum Sessions Held

Door of Opportunity held meetings March 26 at noon and 5 pm. Sessions addressed the importance of completing release of responsibility sheets when families pick up their family member or ward from a residence or day program. Incident Management guidelines were reviewed and distributed to attending families. The families were informed of the performance contract results for 2008 and Satis-

faction Survey results were shared. We reviewed and distributed copies of the 2009 Performance Indicators for Supported Employment, Respite, Human Resources, Residential, and Community Inclusion. We discussed the need to increase efforts in promoting compliance with Division of Health Improvement and Quality Management Bureau requirements. It was noted that CARF will be

visiting Door of Opportunity in a year and we're actively implementing new 2009 CARF standards. Information about the New Mexico Family Leadership Conference scheduled in April was distributed.

The next family forum meeting will be held in August 2009.

Arts & Crafts Department

The Arts and Crafts Department at the DOO is a fun place where individuals come to express their creativity. It's amazing to see some people walk in thinking they can't do anything and end up leaving with a masterpiece. It is a place where

they're free to relax and listen to music and just let their mind go free. Their projects include watercolor painting, oil pastels, acrylics on canvas, ceramics, and just plain fun crafts. I try to get all individuals to come up with projects that mean some-

thing to them. Every individual has different tastes and each project is specific to the person. The Arts Specialist is Nicolette Knowlton.



Door of Opportunity Performance Reporting

Adult Habilitation contract includes 27 people receiving services

Of those 27:

2 are Jackson Class Members

27 have Meaningful Life Definitions in their ISP

17 are spending 80% of their time doing activities that are supportive of their ISP

26 are targeted for more than 50% of their time in an integrated setting

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On average, those people receiving adult habilitation services are spending **79.03%** of their time in community activities of their choice.

Community Access contract includes 26 people receiving services

Of those 26:

2 are Jackson Class Members

26 have Meaningful Life Definitions in their ISP

17 are spending 80% of their time doing activities that are supportive of their ISP

25 are targeted for more than 50% of their time in an integrated setting

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On average, those people receiving community access services are spending **79.8%** of their time in community activities of their choice.



Focus Group Meeting

An activity enhancement options meeting was held on April 10, 2009. This group worked on "Things to do for a Meaningful Life." Participating in this workgroup were Leah Smith, Shawna Lewis, Maribel Martinez, and Miriam Hernandez. Activities that were discussed included; having a Garden Club for the individuals so they can sell vegetables at the Farmer's Market this summer; planning trips to the beauti-

ful pines of Ruidoso; getting fitness memberships for individuals who can afford this; offering etiquette and Miss Manners classes, especially for those going on the cruise in August; attending Sr. Center activities; going to the historical museum and art annex; volunteer activities at the Good Samaritan; visit the winery and do karaoke; as well as many other ideas for community inclusion. This information

*"Things to do
For A
Meaningful Life"*

was distributed to the people attending

Door of Opportunity Is Involved.

Byron Bartley, President was recently asked by the Governor to continue his participation on the ACQ for another 3 years. ACQ= Advisory Council on Quality Supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Susan Caley, Vice President of Clinical Affairs is working with the Significant Events Pilot Project/ workgroup, helping track and trend events occurring with the individuals served. Events such as falls,

elopement, suicide attempts, emergency room use, aspiration, choking, medication error, as well as other events.

Susan Caley, and Nicole Ripley, LPN are both working on the Medical Masterminds workgroup along with the Health Passport pilot program.

Leah Smith, Vice President of Operations, is involved with a statewide Dignity of Risk workgroup that recently expanded

their focus to Dignity of Experience. Amy Grantham, Service Coordinator and Maria Chavarria, Clinical Assistant, are both involved with I-Star Users Group. Byron, Amy, and Leah have also been working with the Reduce the Burden Workgroups to help decrease the amount of paperwork that this field requires. It is still in progress.

Door of Opportunity **ROCKS!!**

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“Making Dreams, Realities”



William “Billy” Jacobsen started a sculpture class with Bill Sigenthaler at the beginning of this year. He began working on a sculpture made of white stone in the shape of an angel but it ended up breaking. Billy came up with another vision of making a sculpture of a man and a woman. He began to chisel on the stone and after a few weeks the sculpture was completed. At that same time, he started with a piece he calls “The Monk”. Billy says that he really enjoys working with stone because it gives him a sense of accomplishment. Billy was able to sell his first two sculptures for \$50 a piece. He is currently working on a little angel made out of pink stone. Billy says that there are different steps to creating each piece and each step takes a lot of concentration. He adds that it is all worth it in the end and wants to say a special thank you to Bill for taking the time to share his talents and interests.



Docuware

What is DocuWare? DocuWare is simply a filing system that allows one to file via electronically without the need for keeping a physical document on the premise.

Recently DocuWare was installed and implemented to provide the departments within The Door of Opportunity an opportunity to go paperless. Much research went into DocuWare before a final decision was made to move toward implementing this program into the work system. The research included attending both CARP in Carlsbad and Leaders in Hobbs for input on the program as both institutions implemented DocuWare in their organizations over a year ago. Both CARP and Leaders reported that using DocuWare provided a more efficient work

day and eliminated the mounds of paper needed to be stored in warehouses, thus providing a more effective record keeping system.

Implementation of DocuWare at The Door of Opportunity took place on March 24th. This implementation included installation of the program and training of four assigned Program Administrators-Shannon Waddell, Sharon Siegenthaler, Veronica Watts and Karyn Estrada. In addition, DocuWare was installed on all computers assigned to Department Managers with the intent that at specific times within the year, their departments would go “live”. User training was provided to all Department Managers in order to provide each an understanding of the program func-

tionality.

Currently both Lending Hands and Meals on Wheels are “live” with DocuWare. It was the intent that Lending Hands and Meals on Wheels would be implemented right after installation with subsequent departments going live approximately six months after installation. However, the timeline has accelerated as we are currently working to get The Department of Human Resources up and running with DocuWare. Scanning has commenced on the archived files of past employees. Once Human Resources is up and running, we will begin focusing on Operations and Nursing.