

Community Support Network, Inc.
Executive Committee
December 18, 2002

Present: Roy Gerstenberger, Alan Greene, Sandy Pellitier, Bob James and Jay Haines.

1. Discussion and recommendations to the Board regarding the proposed budget cuts to be made by DDS affecting AA's.

The document that will be submitted to the Division will come from the central paragraph from the minutes of the December 10, 2002 Budget Cut Meeting. It will be edited to include a more comprehensive list of those services that are considered not adequately funded or activities that do not contribute to the betterment of the service system. Additionally, there will be a list of those regulatory driven activities that have unfunded expense attached and do not materially improve the quality of service to consumers. This document will be submitted to the AA Executive Directors prior to the January 8, 2003 Board meeting for their review and to ratify at that meeting.

Following discussion on the budget cuts was one on formatting a process that would lead to system changes that will be required to constructively survive the anticipated economic challenges facing the DD service world. Bob James proposed an outline to serve as a discussion model that could lead to a "coherent vision" of the emerging DD system. Region 4, Region 8, and CSNI will work with this discussion outline to create the appropriate "think tank" session of AA, ED's, and others to develop this merging system model.

2. A discussion was held on the Fair / Fox proposal for a presentation document.

Prior to the meeting, a CSNI initiative to get AA response produced seven, of which four were strongly in favor of the proposal, two offered constructive comments without recommendation, and one was strongly against the concept and funding the initiative. After considerable discussion, it was agreed to go forward with the proposal with the tone and content to be modified so that it A) speaks to the "Four Points Memo" and not the "Reviewing the Vision" paper, and B) that it be a document that speaks more strongly to the current fiscal realities going forward. Additionally, CSNI has been authorized to work with a budget of \$5,000.00 for this product rather than the \$7,200.00 as proposed.

3. "Rationalization of Healthcare" White Paper

Region 6 made note of this document that is outlining the changes that could be affecting the MA healthcare system and could well be the base for a NH system revision.

4. ESS proposal – Interagency Coordinating Council

CSNI will follow up with Region 3 / R. Crocker to initiate contact and activity with the Interagency Coordinating Council.

5. Legislative Issues

CSNI was given guidelines for creating and generating accountability for our legislative initiatives with guidance to our legislative point person to be deliberate in their communicating mediums, as the general public take their comments to be the words of CSNI and the AA system.

6. Business Continuity and Disaster Planning

CSNI has had contact with a consulting expert in this area, referred by Region 6. It was decided, however, that the time is not appropriate to begin a CSNI initiative.

7. SPG / QOP

The 2002 QOP report was distributed along with a summary of domain indicators for the last three years, which show clear trends positive and less positive in several critical areas. The SPG meeting subsequent to the Executive Committee meeting will discuss how responding to the results of this report will become part of each AA's biennium plan and re-certification.

8. CSNI Financial Summary

In reviewing CSNI financials for November it was noted that there were no unusual items to report other than, CSNI's commitment for unbudgeted funding expenditures which will impact year-end results. These include: the HIPAA Seminar, the recent Strategic Retreat, funding of research and legal opinion on 131 Tax Status, and the Fair / Fox presentation package. In total, these amount to approximately \$20,000.00.

9. Executive Director Performance Review

The Committee met in executive session to discuss the Executive Directors performance review.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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