**Ligas Class Member/Family Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 21, 2015**

Committee Member and Staff Attendees:

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **First Name** | **Last Name** | | Dave | Adden | | Ronnie | Cohn | | Jim | Eddings | | Donna | Frownfelter | | Toni | Howard | | Missy | Kichline | | Joanne | Kunz | | Troy | Markert | | Elizabeth | Miller | | Laura | Miller | | Veronica | Phipps | | Ruthann | Sikora | |

Other Attendees:

Lore Baker, Mary Dickter, Ed McManus

The meeting began at 1:05 pm as a video conference from locations in the Harris Building, Springfield and the Clinton Building, Chicago.

See attached meeting agenda.

The minutes from the July 21, 2015 meeting were accepted without comment or correction.

**INTRODUCTIONS**: Donna Frownfelter, chairperson, began by asking that attendees introduce themselves briefly. See attendance list above.

**OPENING REMARKS:** Donna opened the meeting by asking Joanne “Rocky” Kunz to share with the committee an update on her son, Ted Gram-Boarini, who recently moved into a downtown Evanston, Illinois condominium using Host-Family CILA funding from the Division of Developmental Disabilities. Rocky said that with a combination of live-in and shift staff and his power wheelchair, he is able to live an independent life going on his own to the doctor, grocery store as well as meeting friends and making new friends at the Barnes and Noble or local brew pub. He has taken on a leadership role in his building, spearheading an effort with the local fire department to develop an emergency response plan for himself and the other building residents.

**UPDATE FROM LIGAS FAMILY ADVOCATES:** Missy Kichline reported that the Ligas Family Advocate Program hosted a Meet & Greet at Suburban Access.   Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) – Greg Fenton, and the Ligas Court Monitor – Ronnie Cohn made presentations.

She also announced that the Speak Up and Speak Out Summit, a self-advocacy seminar, will begin on November 2, 2015 in Springfield.  Seminar topics include job interviews, health awareness, self-advocacy, living arrangements and more.  More information is available at:  <http://speakupspeakoutsummit.org/>

On a personal note, Missy mentioned her daughter recently moved to a shared living arrangement in downtown Alton, Illinois.

**COURT MONITOR UPDATE:** Ronnie Cohn reported that the past few months have been occupied with working to keep providers paid. With the funding issue resolved, she has been able to get out and meet many individuals and providers and understand the scope of Ligas.

**CLASS COUNSEL UPDATE**:  Laura Miller, class counsel, told the committee that Equip for Equality has been working to ensure providers receive payment for services provided to people with developmental disabilities.  She also announced she and the Monitor will be having a special meeting with DDD in November to discuss people who have been chosen to receive Ligas services, but are not yet receiving them.  She will also have her monthly meeting with DDD to discuss problems that individual Ligas Class members are having, including residential accessibility, meaningful and flexible day programming, and transportation issues.

**DDD LIGAS UPDATE:** Jim Eddings announced that as of October 1, 2015, 2376 individuals from the PUNS list are receiving services. The Division’s benchmark is 2500 by June 2016. As of October 1, 2015, 1217 individuals from ICF/DD placements are now receiving community services. The Division’s is to have 932 individuals placed by Dec. 2015.

**PRESENTATION FROM LORE BAKER, STATEWIDE HOUSING COORDINATOR:** Lore Baker, with the Department of Human Services (DHS), informed the committee on current initiatives to coordinate independent housing developers with individuals with needs including the Supportive Housing Options and the Community Living Initiative. See attachments.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2016. We will meet in the same rooms as we did in October: the 2nd Floor FCS Conference in the Harris Building and the Large HFS 7th Floor Conference Room in the Clinton Building.

**QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:** For questions or comments, please contact Dave Adden: (217) 524-0848 or Dave.Adden@Illinois.gov.