

OMHSAS Youth Advisory Membership Workgroup

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the OMHSAS Youth Advisory Membership Workgroup is to determine the process by which the youth voice will be represented on the OMHSAS Advisory Committees.

TASK:

The Youth Advisory Workgroup will develop recommendations to the Children's and Adult Advisory Committees of a process and protocol by which to identify, recruit, involve, and support youth membership on the OMHSAS Children's and Adult Advisory Committees.

COMPOSITION OF THE WORKGROUP:

The workgroup will consist of two (2) members from the Adult Advisory Committee; two (2) members from the Children's Advisory Committee; ten (10) youth from various cross systems; Shelley Bishop, Executive Assistant for Consumer and Family Issues in OMHSAS; and Doris Arena, Transition Specialist from the Children's Bureau in OMHSAS.

While the composition of this workgroup will be limited to those individuals listed above, the product of this workgroup will be distributed for broad review and comment. Recommendations identified by the workgroup will be presented to the Children's Advisory Committee for further review and consideration.

MEMBER COMMITMENT:

Members will be expected to attend all meetings, research information as needed, and prepare for and follow up on meetings. The ongoing meeting schedule of the workgroup will be determined by its members at the first meeting.

FIRST MEETING:

The first meeting for the workgroup is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 27, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** Further information regarding this meeting will be forwarded to workgroup members.

REPLY DATE:

If interested in serving on this workgroup, please respond to Doris Arena via e-mail (darena@state.pa.us) no later than **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2007.**