

Barrier Busters—A Project of the HSCC Adults Action Group

March 24, 2004 555 Towner St., Ypsilanti, MI
1:30pm—3:00pm

BB Attendees: Tania James, Patricia Parker-Self, Beth Manuel, Diane Davidson, Kim Montgomery, Doug Plant, Mel Batkins, Paul Sher, Dick Deighton, Lynda Marion, Jenny Bivens, Susan Gialenella, Kelly Mullins, Monica Tijerina

Public: Irene Kao

Meeting Convened: 1:30pm

I. Welcome/Introductions:

- Meeting begins with a brief welcome and introductions.

II. Public Comment

- No Public comment at this time

III. New Business:

A. Call Logs and Updates

- Monica passes out a matrix and summary of call logs to date. In order to have a better understanding of barriers we are facing, people should be sure to fill out and return their call logs.
- After discussing a specific Barrier Buster fund request, the group decides that a listserve to Barrier Busters would be helpful when trying to connect consumers to the right resources. Monica will develop this listserve and share with the group. In this same effort, Monica will distribute the agency descriptions to the list to help better connect consumers with resources.

IV. Old Business:

A. Barrier Buster fund update

- Monica passes out the most recent fund expenditure report. Largest need is in housing.
- At this time, funds are not available. Monica will inform the group as soon as funds become available.
- The Barrier Buster Fund leadership group has met and there is general buy in and commitment to centralizing emergency needs funds within the Barrier Busters.
- Discussion on how to best track “outcomes” of the Barrier Buster fund.

V. Announcements and Updates:

- Washtenaw County Veteran’s Services has relocated to offices on Hogback rd.

VI. Wrap Up and Next Steps

- The group will add time for Barrier Buster agencies to share information onto each meeting agenda. Next meeting, the Center for Independent Living will share information about the agency, resources available, eligibility etc.
- The Next Barrier Buster meeting will be on Wednesday 7/28/04, 1:30pm to 3:00pm, 555 Towner, Ypsilanti

Adjourned 2:45pm