

Niagara University
First Responders Disability Awareness Training
Advisory Council Minutes
Thursday, February 14th, 2013

Present (17): Dr. Timothy Ireland (Niagara University), David Whalen (Statewide Coordinator), Janine Hunt-Jackson (Assistant), Samantha Morgan (Assistant), Mike Stoddard (Assistant), Kathie Berry (Intern), John Buttino (NYS OPWDD), Peter Drew (Opportunities Unlimited), Bonita Frazer (MH Emergency Planning/Metro. Med. Response System), FPC Dan Hausman (NYS DHSES), Richard Hermanson (WNY Self Advocacy Assn./Rivershore Inc.), Robin Hickey (NYS DDPC), Jon Kemp (Main-Transit FD), Captain Patrick Mann (Buffalo PD), Sarah Milko (UNYFEAT), Tanja O'Brocta (P2P of WNY), Julie Phillipson (NFB NYS), Heather Randolph (WNYILC)

Absent/Excused (14): Major Robin Benzinger (NYS Police Academy), Tim Czapranski (Dept. of EMS – Monroe Co.), Chief Ed Gehen (West Seneca PD/NYS Assn. of Chiefs of Police), Janice Fitzgerald (P2P of WNY), Under Sheriff Chuck Holder (Chautauqua Co. Sheriff's Dept./NYS LE Training Directors Assn.), Renay Moran (Epilepsy Assn. of WNY), Kevin Niedermaier (OEM – Livingston Co.), Michael Reid (FASNY), Walter Reisner (Trans Am Ambulance/United NY Ambulance Network), Ann Scherff (Children's Issues Committee/NYS DDPC), Kathleen Shaw (NYSDOH Services), Captain Maria Walker (Albany FD), Kerry Wiley (NYS DDPC), Jim Zymanek (Amherst State Fire Instructor)

- I. Welcome/introductions – everyone introduced themselves
 - a. Council make-up – need attendance for success. Need more outreach to potential council members and current members.
- II. Review of 10/11/12 minutes – Tanja O'Brocta motioned, John Buttino second; minutes approved as written
- III. Train the Trainer
 - a. Law enforcement – two full days of training
 - i. Training conducted
 1. Evaluation summary (*attached*)
 2. Debut in Albany – 4 registrants, only 2 showed up
 3. Suffolk & Rochester
 - a. Suffolk had 26 officers in attendance including Suffolk PD, which is the 11th largest PD in the country. That said, many depts. not in attendance with only one (Hempstead) from Nassau county.
 - b. Rochester had very positive response, although only 11 attendees with 5 from RPD.
 - ii. Training schedule (*attached*)

1. Initial numbers show a decent amount for Erie county, Dave met with Erie county police chiefs yesterday, rec'd well. Expect more local from this.
 2. Maj Benziger indicated State police is looking at December.
- iii. Outreach
1. DCJS training schedule handout goes out across state. If certain officers don't open it, may not see we're presenting. FR DAT has started to send out its own announcement via Constant Contact.
 2. Suggestions
 - a. Send out numbers/statistics to departments about their community's local makeup of people with disabilities so they are the magnitude of population.
 - b. Reach out to other key players, not just first responders (parent groups, community organizations, etc.) – reach out to departments about training from a community standpoint.
 - c. Advisory council members pass on to correspondents
 3. Working on ambassador/follow-up system to post for networking
- iv. Tracking – building log to include every officer trained, follow-up on the trainings they've conducted.
- v. NYS Chiefs of Police – instructor Mark Spawn moving cross country
1. Podcasts – 4 developed
 2. Online-Reviewing this
- vi. NYS Sheriffs Assn
1. Sheriff Jim Voutour building connections with Sheriff's Association, had Dave on agenda at 1/17 statewide conference. Led to much interest by several sheriffs.
- b. Fire – little less than two full days of training
- i. Train the Trainer complete
 - ii. Feb 5-6 debut – 14 participants in Rome, NY, all from OPWDD Fire safety division made mandatory by administration.
 1. Length of program – comments being too long (**summary attached**)
 - a. Cannot condense material (cuts have already been made); look to modularize it
 - b. Discussed creating certifications for completion of each portion
- iii. NYS OFPC Chief Dickinson meeting – Chief is on board to send out messages and inquire about looking into conference in June
- iv. Future TTT sessions
1. March 26-27 debut to public – 3 registrants so far. This will serve as a mini-pilot to see how community/VF depts. respond.
 2. Would like to present at NYS Fire Chiefs conference in June, any assistance welcome.

- c. EMS – introduced at FASNY conference Feb 2 in Suffolk county, 30 signed up to become trainers
 - i. Outreach – look into becoming involved directly with EMT core training
 - ii. On-line training – Janine has begun review/construction of this for EMS.
 - iii. FASNY 2013, Dave will also be at the March 2 conference at the State fire academy.
 - iv. CME credits – DOH EMS accepts our course as 8 non-core credit hours
- IV. Website (www.fr-dat.com)
 - a. Additions – will add disability stats when collected
 - i. In the News (under About Us tab); this will have any media that FR DAT has been in. so far, one news coverage and four newspaper articles.
 - ii. Articles (under About Us tab); these are articles of interest for first responders, be it best practices, good deeds, or info on disability topics that would be of interest (i.e autism and wandering, abuse of IWDs)
 - iii. Training sites (under Calendar tab) – map, dates to see where were and where we will be training.
 - iv. OPWDD (under Individuals/Family/Service Providers tab) – work in progress, want to include OPWDD contacts and fire safety representatives
- V. Trainer Network – people interested can apply but must be screened (not strict criteria), these are IWDs, parents, and service providers who may be interested in accompanying a first responder who would like someone to join them when they train. This would be disability specific.
- VI. Sustainability – year 4 & 5 extension was approved by the DDPC, awaiting the Comptroller’s OK.
 - a. Fee for service – when outside of NYS first responders request training.
 - i. Training from NU – If a dept. would like Dave to come to train (not TTT), there would be a fee.
 - 1. National training being looked at with possible June 12-13
 - b. Product – outside of state interest in purchasing the product
 - i. National Crime Victims Network – submitted to present at conference
 - ii. DDPCs – article put into national newsletter, looking to reach out to all DDPCs across the country
 - c. Corporate sponsors – needs to be brought to forefront, finalizing fees, looking into volunteer FDs and insurance companies’ interest in getting their name in front of them.
 - d. Grants – met with NU writers who will be keeping a watch for grant opportunities. There is a lot of potential with emergency mgmt.
 - e. NU Institute progress – delay in moving fwd but interest seems to still be prevalent.
- VII. Town Hall Training – March 19th at NU; developing comprehensive spreadsheet of municipalities & ADA coordinators to include those that have been trained
 - a. Year Three (2013) – approved, funded by Trust
 - i. 9 training sites TBD – had one in Suffolk Co., Rochester interested

- ii. Pike County, PA contacted and is looking into bringing THT and FR DAT
 - iii. ILC mini-grant proposal – through NU to ILCs for Town Hall Training, this is being discussed with the Trust. It would encourage ILCs to continue the drive to carry out THT principles.
 - iv. Year 4-5 – preliminary discussion on extension.
 - b. National ADA Coordinators conference – April, tracks on LE/municipalities/higher education
- VIII. Other
- a. Brooklyn Senator Adams promoting cause, proposed legislation (Bill S2413) to require training
 - i. We do not support mandatory training AT THIS TIME (not enough funding in depts. to pay for it); want acceptance without “throwing it down their throats”
 - ii. Will contact office to put us on Senator’s radar
- IX. Next meeting – Thursday, June 6th, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha L. Morgan

Assistant to the Coordinator

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAIN THE TRAINER EVALUATIONS SUMMARY

32 participants (Suffolk County and Rochester)

Overall rating	Excellent – 10	Very good – 20	Good – 2	Fair – 0	Poor – 0
Content	Much too basic - 0	Too basic – 0	About right – 28	A bit too complex – 4	Much too complex – 0
Length	Much too short – 0	Too short – 4	About right – 22	A bit too long – 4	Much too long – 2
Visual aids	Excellent – 8	Very good – 21	Good – 2	Fair – 1	Poor – 0
Handouts	Excellent – 14	Very good – 14	Good – 4	Fair – 0	Poor – 0
Presenter effectiveness	Excellent – 18	Very good – 11	Good – 1	Fair – 1	Poor – 0

Comments about training in general:

- “Should be an in-service (mandatory) for all LE’s”
- “Good overview on topics discussed”
- “Definitely will help all First Responders”
- “Definitely enough to help us with our instruction of others”
- “Made it very practical for our everyday use”
- “Opens up your eyes to certain situations you might be involved in”
- “Important topic to help police gain more compassion and proper incident management”

Comments about training specifics:

- “It’s always better to see examples and have the visual than having someone tell you”
- “Videos were very informative”
- “Work guide is easy to use and look things up”
- “The curriculum was organized very well. Very user-friendly. Shouldn’t have an issue when presenting this curriculum to the department.”
- “Felt videos were excellent. Help to better understand how to approach a person with an intellectual disability.”
- “Love that you’ve included memory stick with power point, thank you.”
- “Very good resource material”

Comments about Dave:

- “Presenter is very knowledgeable and passionate about the program”
- “Mr. Whalen’s knowledge and experience made him an effective instructor. Thank you.”
- “Great job, very knowledgeable”
- “Dave is extremely, extremely knowledgeable in his field, and this training”

FIRE/EMS FRDAT ROLLOUT – PROGRAM LENGTH COMMENTS

- 1. Amherst Volunteer Fire 2/2/11**
 - Two said have breaks, two said shorter powerpoint
- 2. Ontario Co Training Center Fire 9/28/11**
 - Three said not long enough
 - One said make it a full day event
 - Three said it's a lot of information at once, maybe break it down into sessions
- 3. Tompkins Co Fire 11/1/11**
 - Two said needs to be longer
- 4. Cortland Co Fire 11/2/11**
 - Seven said needs to be longer
 - One said make into two sessions
- 5. Madison Co Fire 11/3/11**
 - Three said longer session
- 6. EMS High School Syracuse 11/8/11**
 - One said needs to be longer
- 7. Wyoming Co 12/7/11**
 - Three said more time/split into multiple sessions
 - Three said condense
- 8. FDNY 1/19/12**
 - One said more breaks for 3 hours
 - One said minimize length of lecture
- 9. Livingston County EMS/Fire 2/2/12**
 - One said hold during the day hours – longer class that covers more
 - One said would really enjoy having the full program presented as a 3 night class
 - Three said more time for the presentation
 - Three said shorter, multiple days
- 10. AMHV 2/15/12 morning**
 - Six said more time needed
 - Four said divide into modules
- 11. AMHVF 2/15/12 evening**
 - Two said more time
- 12. Monroe County EMS 2/23/12**
 - Two said increase time of class
 - One said this could easily be 2 day seminar
- 13. Albany FD 5/15/12**
 - One said longer, more in-depth sessions
- 14. Broome Co EMS 5/18/12 morning**
 - One said presentation could be longer
- 15. Broome Co EMS 5/18/12 afternoon**
 - Two said allow more time
- 16. State Fire Academy (JFire Conference) 5/21/12**
 - Three said could use more time
 - One said needs to be pared down to meet time frame of presentation
 - One said need a shorter version for fire department and EMS and law enforcement
- 17. Endicott/Broome Co Fire/EMS 6/19/12**
 - One said needs to be longer, not enough time to cover everything
 - One said a lot of information for one sitting, maybe divided into digestible modules
- 18. Pottersville NYVFD 11/7/12**
 - One said more time, maybe a couple of sessions
 - One said 3 hour presentation is not enough
 - One said have an all day event