

## **Parent/Guardian Group**

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Present: Bob Dolen, Carmen Dolen, Russell Albertson, William Foote, Larry Rolfstad, Linda Rolfstad, Stephanie Karlinski, Karlene Stangle, Sharon Kirkman, Steve Barba, Kristy Barba, Vaughn Heckel, Peggy Heckel, Fay Hersey, Kim Larive, Diane Brennan, Deb Sandford

NHTC Staff: Rich Mulholland, CEO; Chris Davis, Community Relations Coordinator

Rich opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

### **Agency Updates**

#### **Representative Payee Services**

Rich referenced the letter which was sent to all parents/guardians during the week of July 15, explaining Rep Payee Services and the changes that NHTC is making. NHTC has been providing Rep Payee Services for many individuals at no cost or reimbursement, but has now been approved to be an Organizational Representative Payee and start charging \$30/month to those who choose to have NHTC serve as Representative Payee to individuals. The NHTC Board of Directors set the monthly fee of \$30.00, which will begin on September 1, 2019.

Parents/guardians may choose to be Rep Payee, and not pay the \$30/month. Gwen Carlstrom and Charity Noor are NHTC's Benefit Specialists and are available to offer assistance and help to those parents/guardians who choose to be the Rep Payee for individuals.

#### **Shared Living**

Rich referenced the Shared Living article in our Summer 2019 newsletter ([www.nhtc.org](http://www.nhtc.org) under Newsletter) and explained the Shared Living concept. Shared Living is a program which offers alternatives to living in a group home. Host Homes are an arrangement of services provided to an individual in the private home of a community member, friend, or family member. Host Home providers are considered independent contractors, and will provide the necessary supports and services to an individual. NHTC will serve as the administrator of Shared Living and will train and oversee the Host Home Providers.

For more information about Shared Living:

1. Contact Amy Hannah at NHTC 605-642-2785 x 216
2. Visit <https://dhs.sd.gov/developmentaldisabilities/sharedliving.aspx>

### **Agency Updates**

1. Summer Picnic.....Friday, August 16 from 11:30am-2:30pm at the Spearfish City Park main shelter
2. Chili Feed....Tuesday, October 22 from 5:00-7:00pm at the Spearfish City Park Pavilion
3. Special Olympics....Practices are being held for bocce ball and softball. Area Softball games will be held on August 24 in Rapid City. State bocce ball and softball will be held in Rapid City the weekend of September 20-22.

A-Team (Awareness, Advisement, Advocacy)

The next meeting will be held in Rapid City on September 9. Attorney Brandy Rhead of Disability Rights South Dakota will be the presenter.

If you would like more information on the A-Team or are interested in starting a group in Spearfish, contact Lisa at [merchenlisamax@gmail.com](mailto:merchenlisamax@gmail.com) or A-Team Black Hills on Facebook.

Rich reminded everyone that he is always available for questions. You may contact him at 605-642-2785 x 205 or [Mulholland@nhtc.org](mailto:Mulholland@nhtc.org).

**Next meeting date: October 2019**

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