

The Finance Project ToolKit Work Group
Meeting Minutes
11/30/18

In attendance: Doris Green, New York; Cheryl Smith, Alabama; Nadine Walter, Oklahoma; Jutta Ulrich, Arizona; Jill Kagan, ARCH; Susan Summers, ARCH

State Updates

New York—Doris described how she received very little information about the history of respite care and the respite coalition when she assumed the directorship as the third director.

As strategy going forward, New York held a Summit that yielded rich, productive narrative information (see samples from New York’s Summit) that links to supporting a sustainable respite system through: messaging and outreach; and overcoming a silo funding structure.

New York is also reorganizing their advisory board by forming sub-committees that allow a shared leadership structure. The board is discussing the meaning of committee membership and the meaning, responsibilities and criteria for membership.

Arizona—Jutta took a leadership position in a organization that was languishing after having lost a strong respite leader. During her initial months on the job, she has worked to educate herself about the history that preceded her, and to reestablish key partnerships. Because Arizona has focused primarily on Adult Day Centers, one challenge is creating a system responsive to the needs of caregivers of family members across the lifespan.

Oklahoma—Nadine reported on Oklahoma’s Annual Caregiver Conference in Tulsa, where 180 attended. In other outreach/education activities, Oklahoma engages in “On the Roads”, 4-hours conferences with service providers and caregivers from ten lifespan respite programs and partners supported by public funding that allow mutuality in the exchange of information and perspective, deepening the conversation and understanding. In a related format, Oklahoma engages in “Lunch and Learns” around the state to share brief presentation about the meaning and value of respite.

Oklahoma is also working on a legislative study on respite provision in partnership with AARP.

Group Conversation about building a Strong Coalition

Nadine talked about the characteristics of the Oklahoma Coalition that makes it strong and enduring—the Coalition includes representatives of programs across the lifespan, caregivers, legislators, and engages service providers in teamwork.