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To: Members of the Public Policy Task Force on Self-Determination

From: Tara Barenok 

Subject: Self-Determination Definitions

Date: October 13, 1997

Attached are several definitions of self-determination. They vary in terms of length and breadth. Most have similar groundings in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation language. In the interest of getting the material to you in a timely fashion, many of the definitions have been culled from readily available resources (collected materials and internet research) If you have alternative definitions or resources, please send them to me so they can be distributed to other members of the task force either at the meeting or in advance.

The contents of the packets are numbered as follows:

1. *Self Determination Defined* - a draft which compares and contrasts self-determination concepts from the Independent Living Philosophy, John O'Brien, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
2. *Minnesota's Self Determination Project* - the Department of Human Services fact sheet on self determination.
3. *Call for Proposals: Self-Determination for Persons with Developmental Disabilities* - the request from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to which the states responded with their proposed projects. From the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) web site.
4. *Beyond Managed Care: Self-Determination for People with Disabilities* - an excerpt from this publication by Thomas Nerney and Donald Shumway. It outlines the principles on Self-Determination which reoccur throughout many of the state proposals and other publications connected with the RWJF projects.
5. *Beyond Managed Care Volume II - An Owner's Manual for Self-Determination* - an excerpt from this publication by the Public Consulting Group and Self-

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Determination for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. Included are a definition of the term as well as an essay on who the "owner" in the publication title is.

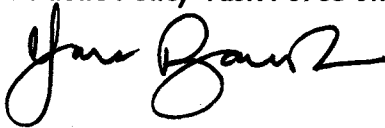
6. *The Arc's Self-Determination Program* - includes an overview of the Arc's activities and a brief definition. From the Arc's home page.
7. *National Transition Alliance Student-Focused Planning and Development* - In their discussion on lifestyle planning, the NTA has embedded a definition of self-determination. From the NTA home page.

Thanks again for participating in the task force. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns. Look forward to seeing you on the 31st.

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To: Members of the Public Policy Task Force on Self-Determination
From: Tara Barenok 
Subject: October 31, 1997 Meeting
Date: October 13, 1997

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the task force on self-determination. The first meeting will be held:

Date: October 31, 1997

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Where: Room 101, Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar Street (down the hill from the Capitol, see enclosed map)

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The main item on the agenda for this meeting will be coming up with a **draft definition of self-determination** which may serve as the beginning of a position paper on the subject. I have enclosed several definitions from other organizations on the subject. Please think about what from these definitions should be included in the Council's definition and what is missing that the Council should consider including.

Please call me if I can be of any assistance in your preparations for the meeting. Look forward to seeing you on Halloween!