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Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Project to Support Persons with Disabilities in FY 2015

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2008, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Place: Mie Prefecture General Welfare Center for the Disabled, Large Training Room

Participants: 14 project members and 2 secretariat members

1. what we discussed last time (December)

A representative from the Secretariat explained the previous session.

In the last meeting, the participating members were divided into groups to discuss what kind of place and with whom they would like to live and how they would like to live if they were to live in a group home. Many of the opinions expressed by the members were as follows.

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| What kind of place would you like to live and with whom?  . I now live in the community and at home.  I would like to continue to live in the same place.  I would like to live in a more convenient place because of the countryside.  I would like to work with understanding coworkers during the day.  I would like to go to movie theaters and many other places during my vacation.  I hope it will be more convenient because transportation is not convenient in Mie Prefecture. |

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| ●If you were to live in a group home, how would you like to live?  I don't want to be in a place where there are restrictions, although it would be good for future practice.  I would like to be able to spend time in a place where I can spend my time freely.  I still don't want to live in a group home. |

2. contents of this issue

(1) We reflected on what we have discussed so far in the project.

We discussed how we can spread what we have discussed to various people.

(1) Reflection on what has been discussed so far in the project

Based on the list, we reflected on what we had discussed in the first eight sessions.

In the first discussion, we decided to introduce ourselves in each project and exchange opinions to learn about each other's feelings and disabilities.

Since May, members introduced themselves and exchanged opinions with each other.

As the members introduced themselves, it became clear that they were all having fun despite their difficulties.

I think it was a good opportunity for the members to get to know each other.

In the right column of the list, "Participation in meetings and training sessions in which the members have proposed opinions to the county and participated in training sessions", we have listed the meetings and training sessions in which the members have participated from the projects concerned.

(2) Ideas for spreading project discussions to various places

Earlier, when we asked everyone to freely express their opinions on how to spread the ideas in this project, the following were some ideas to get more people to participate in the project.

How about reaching out to organizations for people with disabilities?

How about setting up a theme that is easy to understand?

How about going out to the community more and holding the event by region?

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| What can we do to make people of color aware of what we have discussed so far, using these opinions as a guide?  I believe that many people will be able to learn about the conference if we send out information about the conference on social networking services (SNS).  Why not use the website to gather opinions?  I would like to encourage people with hearing and visual impairments to participate.  (→ information assurance will be needed.)  I would like to make contact with people with various disabilities.  I would like to visit people in institutions and ask them how they feel about living in the community.  I want to be able to collect the voices of those who want to express their opinions but are unable to do so.  I would like to communicate what we discussed in the project in the self-support council of the prefecture.  ⇒I would like you to consider subsidies that would make independent living easier.  We would like to share our experiences with young people with disabilities to give them more options for the future and help them find what they want to do.  I wish schools and teachers would understand.  　⇒You cannot let the people around you decide your future.  ⇒How about video recording and playing this meeting?  ⇒But it will be difficult to persuade the parents.  I would like to hear from various communities.  I would like the administration to see this project.  I would like to discuss my concerns about living alone. |

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| Other Comments, etc.  I hope this project will be a place where people can feel free to come when they come out of difficult times.  I think it is important to expand the range of disabilities.  I wanted people around me to help me when I was bullied.  I want you to understand my disability.  ⇒It is important to divide if you can, and to pass it off.  I have stress in my family. I wish there was a way to get it out.  　⇒I play table tennis. It is one of my places to be. |

3. future contents

○Mie Prefecture Council for Self-Reliance Support

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 1:30 p.m. (tentative)

Place: Mie Prefecture General Welfare Center for the Disabled, Large Training Room

Observation is free. If anyone is interested, please join us.

This is a forum where welfare providers and government agencies gather to discuss what Mie Prefecture should do in the future.

○10th Project

The next (10th) project will be on Monday, February 22, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.