

Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC)

Meeting Minutes
November 09-10, 2010

Members Attended

Lisa Krueger
David Oster
Robert Taylor
Cindy White
Sam Durbin
Michelle Gordon
Krisi Franzone
Pattie Simpkins
Sue Ann Hankensiefken
Joseph Flanagan
Tommy Michaels
Tracey Mensch
Marcia Dinkelspiel

Member Absent

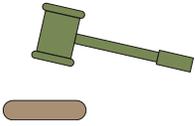
Eugenia Jones
Eduardo Zapata

Others Attending

Tom Sardo
Colleen Deck
Nicole Patterson
Kathleen Ozeroff
Heather McDavid
Mark Starford
Tammy Evrard
Timothy Schmitz
Jesse Padilla
Darcy Jean Foddrill
David Miklas
Christine Hager
Jorge Fernandez
Edward White
Orbelin Bautista
David Gaines
Barbara Mayer
Christine Gonzalez
Marcy Good
Carol Risley
Terri Delgadillo
Barbara Crow
Kristopher Faith

November 9, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER



Sam Durbin, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.



- a. Everyone introduced themselves.
- b. General announcements were made.



2. REVIEW OF THE DAY'S AGENDA

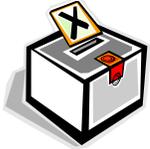
Mark Starford and the CAC went over the agenda for the day.

3. FEELING SAFE, BEING SAFE



Krisi Franzone talked about her trip to Baltimore, MD for a national conference on emergency preparedness sponsored by Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA). This conference was designed to get people together in one room, with different types of disabilities, from all over the country to talk about resources and barriers for people with disabilities in their communities as they plan for an emergency. She found that everyone is having some of the same problems such as, transportation, finding places for shelters, and being ADA accessible. She said that she took copies of the Feeling Safe, Being Safe materials and gave them to people in her region. Each region will be holding conference calls to help their States become better prepared and to keep each other updated.

Mark talked about how Hawaii has adopted the Feeling Safe, Being Safe materials to help them get prepared for an emergency. Mark also talked how people with emergency kits need to be planning for fourteen days instead of three and recommended adding a pair of shoes that would be safe and work in any situation



4. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Sam appointed the 2010 nominating committee for the upcoming chair and vice-chair person elections in February. The committee members are Sam, Chairperson, Krisi, Lisa Krueger, Sue Ann Hankensiefken, and Tracey Mensch.

5. **BEING INFORMED**

Mark talked about the importance of staying informed, not only on the state level, but on a federal level too.

a. Mark told the CAC about something that happened in Minnesota during this last election; that people with disabilities were being coached by attendants to cast their ballot for specific candidates. The CAC had a discussion about how important it is that people with disabilities understand that support people are not their to tell you what to do, but support you in taking ownership of your choices, good or bad, and accepting what the outcomes may be.



b. Association for Persons in Supported Employment (APSE) – Is a national organization with a focus on integrated employment and career opportunities for persons with disabilities. This organization believes that employees with disabilities should have:

- ❖ Minimum wages or higher
- ❖ Benefits
- ❖ Opportunities to advance

The CAC shared the following ideas on why people with disabilities don't work:

- ❖ Paid below minimum wage
- ❖ Social Security Benefits
- ❖ Not being trusted by the employers to do their job
- ❖ Start people working as teens
- ❖ More education to employers on hiring people with disabilities



c. Community Connections: The CAC talked about community networking with people and making connections that can help you find places to live, jobs, help you connect with new people, and things to do for fun. Here are some tips on networking or making connections. Reach out to:

- ❖ People you see in places you go to (banks, stores, church etc.);
- ❖ People who can help you reach out to others; and
- ❖ People that have the same interests and goals.

Mark also talked about a publication made by People First of California called Community Service Inclusion Workbook. This book can help people get connected in their communities.



6. CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (LIVING THE TREATY)

The CAC talked about some of the following articles that are in the treaty:

- Article 12- Being treated equally by the law;

- Article 19- Independent living/being a part of the community;
- Article 21- Accessing information in a way you understand (sign language, braille, or plain language);

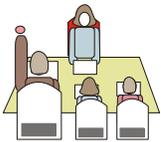
The CAC talked about the importance of the treaty and taking the time to learn about others, articles, and educating others, so it will become law.



7. **NEXT STEPS FOR LEADERSHIP THROUGH PERSONAL CHANGE (THINK-PLAN-DO)**

The CAC talked about the next steps on the Leadership Through Personal Change materials.

- a. Personal Goals: The CAC talked about next steps to take on the goals. The CAC members will be making connections with people in their communities to help them with the next steps in their goals
- b. Transition Age Students: The CAC talked about how the Leadership Through Personal Change materials, or something like it, can help transition age students to plan for their future.



8. **CAC MEMBERS' CHECK-IN SESSION**

Members met with Katheen Ozeroff and Nicole Patterson.

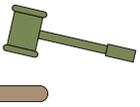
9. **FACILITATORS' CHECK-IN SESSION**

Tammy Evrard and Mark met with the facilitators.



The meeting adjourned for the day at 5:00 p.m.

November 10, 2010



1. CALL TO ORDER

Sam, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

- a. General announcements were made.
- b. The agenda was reviewed and no changes were made. **It was moved (Pattie Simpkins), seconded (Michelle Gordon), and carried to approve the agenda with no changes.**
- c. The minutes of the May 2010, CAC meeting were reviewed. **It was moved (Sue Ann), seconded (Tracey), and carried to approve the minutes with changes.**



2. OLMSTEAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT (OAC)

Robert Taylor gave his report to the CAC on the OAC meeting, which took place on July 15, 2010:

- a. **Legislative Discussion**
Members reviewed legislation that has been introduced with Olmstead input. Robert shared with the CAC the legislation that impacts people with disabilities.
- b. **Housing**
Robert told CAC that OAC increases access to affordable and accessible housing and transportation for older adults and people with disabilities.

- ❖ Public Housing Authorities, in several local areas, have submitted applications to increase their allocation of Section 8 housing vouchers in partnership with local organizations, providing transition services to residents of institutional care settings.

c. **State 1115 Waiver**

Robert talked about the 1115 waiver, regarding health care coverage. Robert stated, as of the last OAC meeting, the 1115 Waiver hadn't been approved. Carol Risley shared with the CAC that the 1115 waiver had been approved that day.

d. **Federal Health Care Reform implementation**

Robert also shared with the CAC, other health care issues that OAC has given input on:

- ❖ Long Term Care Provisions of the Affordable Care Act
- ❖ Funding Opportunities: Making it Easier for Individuals to Navigate their Health and Long-Term Care through Person-Centered Systems of Information, Counseling and Access
- ❖ State legislative priorities (1) High Risk Pool; (2) Health Insurance conformity, and (3) Health Insurance Exchange



3. COORDINATOR OF CONSUMER SERVICES REPORT

Nicole gave a report on what she has been doing for the past few months:

She has been working on webcast for the (Feeling Safe, Being Safe).

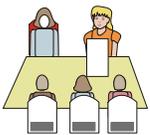
She shared the legislative binder outline with the CAC. The CAC gave her some input for the final binder. A Legislative binder will be personalized to each member and their community. This tool will help them become more involved in government on all levels.

4. **STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (SCDD)**

Carol Risley, the Director of SCDD, and Marcy Good SCDD, Chair Person, came to the CAC meeting. Carol talked about her role as the new Director for the SCDD. She gave an update on what the SCDD is working on and what their vision is for the future.

5. **PRACTICE JOB INTERVIEW**

Tracey, Michelle, Pattie, Sam, Cindy White, and Robert recorded practice employment interviews for a mock position as a Daycare Provider Assistant. Kathleen Ozeroff, Carlene Guzman, and Mark were on the interview panel. Terri Delgadillo, DDS Director, was also present and expressed the importance of practicing for job interviews. Barbara Crow and Kristopher Faith, employees at DDS, talked about how they got their jobs at DDS and what their duties are.



6. **CAC MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The following members gave reports on what they have been doing on behalf of the committee and their People First and/or local self-advocacy groups: Pattie, Krisi, Lisa, Michelle, Sue Ann, David Oster, Tommy Michaels, Marcia Dinkelspiel, Joseph Flanagan, Cindy, and Tracey.

7. TOOLS FOR ADVOCATING WITH YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mark shared with CAC a video and booklet about advocating with your elected officials in your community, called Tools for Advocating with your Elected Officials, developed by advocates and the SCDD on Developmental Area Board 9.

8. COMMUNITY ASSIGNMENTS

CAC members were asked to work on the following:

1. Leadership DVD and Guide

- a. Do one presentation in your area on the Leadership DVD and Guides.
- b. To start thinking about the next steps for your mission and goals that you set for yourself during the Leadership project.



2. Community Network

- a. Make a connection with someone from your local Office of Emergency Services to see how you can help your community become prepared to help people with disabilities in an emergency.
- b. Make your first connection with a person that can help you get the job you want.



3. Review Binder from November Meeting

Take some time and review your binders from the November meeting. There is important information in your binders that didn't get discussed during the meeting.



Only New Members



1. Review CAC Publications

Take time to review the CAC publications that were given to you and your facilitator at the November meeting.



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9. END OF MEETING

Sam Durbin, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 3:00p.m.