

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

Meeting Minutes  
**June 12-13, 2018**

<b><u>Members Attended</u></b>	Vickki Williams
	Ed Plon
Deaka McClain	Keith Nelson
Rick Hodgkins	Barbara McCants
Ryan Nelson	Leah Hollis
Esther Kelsey	Sherry Erickson
Matthew LaGrand	Leslie Gottlieb
Kara Ponton	Timothy Schmitz
Yvonne Kluttz	Rachelle Gomez
Sara Desumala	Trena Wade
Lisa Utsey	Jesse Padilla
Kim Rucker	Carole Watilo (PEC)
	Jennifer Parsons
	Susan Crow
	Gina De La O
	Aeric Kugler
<b><u>Others Attended</u></b>	Kaitlin Binnewies
	Christine Hager
Nicole Patterson	Eric Gelber
Jana Chapman-Plon	
Angie Romero	



June 12, 2018



## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Deaka McClain, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:03 am

### A. Everyone introduced themselves

- During introductions, Deaka asked members to answer the questions:
  - Have you participated in an NCI visit?
  - If so, how was it?
  - Did you feel you could answer the questions honestly?

### B. Meeting Ground Rules were reviewed

C. The agenda was reviewed and no changes were made.

**It was moved** (Matthew LaGrand), **seconded** (Ryan Nelson), **and carried to approve the agenda.**

D. The minutes of the February 2018 CAC meeting were reviewed. **It was moved** (Lisa Utsey), **seconded** (Ryan Nelson), **and carried to approve the minutes.**



## 2. PROGRESSIVE EMPLOYMENT CONCEPTS

Carole Watilo from Progressive Employment Concepts presented on how her program provides a person-centered approach to finding customized employment for people with I/DD and provides the supports they need. They do this by following the steps below for each individual they serve:

- Discovery
  - Exploration of an individual's gifts and talents.
    - Where do they shine?
    - Where do they add value?

- Where do they need support?
- Job Development
  - Work with employers to find out what they need and look at customizing job positions for them
  - Selling added value to employers (not charity)
  - PEC doesn't support anyone who makes less than minimum wage and doesn't do contract work
- Career Sustainability
  - Financial Planning
  - Special tools, technology and training
  - Paid internships
- Worksite Support
  - Transportation
  - Job training
  - Technology and communication options

Expected results and benefits:

- Dignified work
- Others see competence
- Contributing and integrated citizens
- Increased self-esteem
- Co-worker and customer relationships
- Increased income
- New tax payers
- Reduced welfare and SSI costs
- Improved community attitudes



### 3. **CAC BY-LAWS**

Changes to the by-laws were reviewed. Proposed changes to the CAC By-Laws were:

- Extending the officer terms to 2 years to give officers more of a chance to learn and grow considering the fact that we only have 2 in-person meetings per year.

- This would start with the June 2018 CAC officer elections
  - Anyone terming out of the CAC in 2019 would only be able to serve 1 year and there would be a special election for that position.
  - Any officer who is elected for a 2-year term would not be able to serve in that same position again (1 term per office).
- The CAC has a membership total of 15. As of now 2 of those spots are for people who live at developmental centers. 13 spots are for people who live in the community.
    - Because the developmental centers are closing, we only need 1 of those spots to be held for a person who lives in a developmental center. This would bring the community membership up to 14.
    - This person could be in transition from the developmental center to the community.
    - Change language to “selected from people who have experience living in a developmental center”

**It was moved (Lisa Utsey), seconded (Ryan Nelson), and carried to make the two (2) changes to the current by-laws**



#### **4. SELF-DETERMINATION DRAFT ORIENTATION PRESENTATION**

Jennifer Parsons, Susan Crow, and Gina De La O from DDS came to the CAC and presented on the draft SDP orientation materials and activities and asked for feedback to help them make it more understandable. As the SDP team did the presentation, the CAC did a few of the sample activities just to get an idea of the possible flow of the orientation and gave feedback.

**June 13, 2017**



## 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Deaka McClain, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

- During introductions, Deaka asked members to answer the questions:
  - What is the funniest thing you've ever done?



## 2. **CAC MEMBER 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: Rick Hodgkins, Matthew LaGrand, Deaka McClain, Ryan Nelson, Kara Ponton, Yvonne Kluttz, Esther Kelsey, Lisa Utsey, and Sara Desumala.



## 3. **END OF LIFE**

Christine Hager, from DRC's Office of Client Rights Advocates (OCRA) came to the CAC to continue the conversation from the last meeting on the Thinking Ahead My Life at the End Booklet. The CAC and DRC decided at the November 2017 CAC Meeting to work together and update the book. Because of that the CAC worked through the booklet themselves to see what changes needed to be made. The conversation at this meeting was about the changes they felt were needed to the book.



#### 4. **LEGISLATION UPDATE**

Eric Gelber came to the CAC to give an update on current legislation. He talked about the following bills.

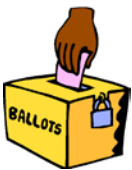
- AB 2171 (Frazier) Employment First Employment Blueprint
  - Just went into effect last year
  - 5-year plan
  - At the end of the 5 years there will be many more people involved in Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE)
    - Increase employment
    - Share data between the 3 departments
      - ✓ Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)
      - ✓ Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
      - ✓ Department of Education (DOE)
    - The 3 Departments must consult with stakeholder groups and report to the legislature (actively doing this now)
    - There were some troublesome provisions that were taken out such as those that violate the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) regulations
    - It's now a much simpler bill that doesn't do a whole lot
- Uniform Holiday Schedule has been put on hold. Many details need to be worked out, especially related to job coaching needs.
- SB 175 (McGuire):
  - STAR Homes: Acute Crisis Residences at Sonoma and Fairview only have 5 beds each so there is a long waiting list

- There is a great need to create more crisis resources in the community
- As part of DDS' safety plan, there is a plan to develop more of these community homes, and state-operated crisis homes
- There is still a need for short-term solutions for those who need it now.
- This legislation will set aside 10 beds at Canyon Springs in a separate unit and use it as a community crisis home.
- This is only a stop-gap measure until these resources can be developed in the community by June 2021
- SB 399 (Portantino): DDS opposes this legislation
  - Changes Behavioral Health treatment through insurance plans for individuals with Autism and Pervasive Developmental Disorders.
  - This bill would say that you don't have to have the same educational qualifications as current strict standards require. Waters down the strict requirements on who can provide these services.
  - Allows insurance to pay those with lower levels of training (paraprofessionals) to provide these services
  - Applies to Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services
- SB 1190 (Skinner)
  - Involuntary Sterilization Bill
  - Tens of thousands of people were involuntarily sterilized in the period of 1909-1970's
  - This bill would set up a fund to provide compensation to those people
  - It all depends if the legislature chooses to appropriate money to this fund

- People will have to self-identify and apply for the compensation
- Estimates are that about 800 people who this happened to are still living
- There will be outreach efforts to identify those who are qualified
- SB 1274 (McGuire):
  - Requires Department of Social Services (DSS) to give info to DDS on people who are regional center clients enrolled in programs like CalWorks, CalFresh, or on SSI to help measure the effectiveness of the Employment First policy.
    - The theory is that, as people become employed, enrollment in these programs will decline.

Deaka asked everyone to advocate against HR 620 (ADA lawsuits)

## 5. CAC OFFICER ELECTIONS



The election was held for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.

- The CAC officers elected until June 2020 are:
  - Deaka McClain as Chairperson
  - Ryan Nelson as Vice-Chairperson
  - Kara Ponton as Secretary

## 6. TRAVEL PAPERWORK



Members and facilitators worked on their travel and support claims with the help of Nicole.



## 7. COMMUNITY ASSIGNMENTS



### **Networking**

DDS needs your help to build a collection of photos that can be used to create interesting publications and presentations. Take pictures as you go about your everyday life. **Thank You, to those who sent pictures already.**



**Thinking Ahead-** Go to at least one Advocacy/CAC/People First group in your area, go through the End of Life Booklet, and ask for their feedback on the questions. Give Nicole the feedback by October 18, 2018. **(A copy of this is in this packet).**



**Independence Survey-** Please take some time and complete the CAC Independence Survey. Bring your completed survey to the November 2018 meeting.



**Self-Determination Program (SDP) -** Go to your SDP local advisory committees and ask if anyone has concerns they would like to be addressed.



## 8. END MEETING

Deaka McClain, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 2:49pm

**Next CAC meeting will be November 6-7, 2018 in Sacramento at the Crowne Plaza Hotel**