

Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC)

Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2019

<u>Members Attended</u>	<u>Others Attended</u>
Deaka McClain	Timothy Schmitz
Rick Hodgkins	Ed Plon
Esther Kelsey	Keith Nelson
Matthew LaGrand	Nicole Patterson
Kara Ponton	Jana Chapman-Plon
Yvonne Kluttz	Elizabeth Mard
Sara Desumala	Desiree Boykin
Shawn Costello	Jesse Padilla
Craig Moorman	Gregory Harrison
Kim Rucker	Elizabeth Mard
<u>Members Absent</u>	
Lisa Utsey	
Ryan Nelson	
Sam Yi	
Tim Farrar	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deaka McClain, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00am

- A. Everyone introduced themselves
- B. Conference call Ground Rules were reviewed
- C. The agenda was reviewed and no changes were made. **It was moved** (Rick Hodgkins), **seconded** (Shawn Costello), **and carried to approve the agenda.**
- D. The minutes of the November 2018 CAC meeting were reviewed. **It was moved** (Shawn Costello), **seconded** (Esther Kelsey), **and carried to approve the minutes.**

2. EMPLOYMENT BLUEPRINT DOCUMENTS

Elizabeth Mard from DDS went over The California Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Annual Update with the CAC. She started by giving an overview of what the CIE Blueprint is and how it was developed. She also shared some Blueprint goals accomplished during the last Fiscal Year.

- How many Regional Center participants got jobs?
The goal was 1,080 participants, but 1,152 actually received jobs.
- How many Regional Center participants in high school got work experience?
The goal was 24,594 participants, but 25,313 actually received work experience.
- How many Regional Center participants got paid internships or on the job training?
The goal was 25 participants, but 676 actually received paid internships or on the job training.

- How many Regional Center participants in sub-minimum wage jobs received career counseling, information, and resources to help them get better paying jobs?

The goal was 400 participants, but 14,008 actually received career counseling, information, and resources to help them get better paying jobs.

Elizabeth Mard shared that the CIE group is looking at developing a fun phone app to learn about the next steps to CIE. They are trying to create different ways for people to get information. They are also creating a webinar for participants, parents, advocates, vendors, and employers discussing the goal of the Blueprint.

3. HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES QUESTIONS

The CAC discussed and reviewed Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) questions and answers. **It was moved** (Kim Rucker), **seconded** (Kara Ponton), **and carried to give Nicole the OK to post it to the Consumer Corner.**

4. GROUND RULES UPDATE

The DDS CAC reviewed their changes to the Ground Rules. **It was moved** (Kim Rucker), **seconded** (Shawn Costello) **and carried to approve the new CAC Ground Rules.**

5. HOUSING LISTENING TOUR

Rick and Kim gave reports on the Housing Listening Tour meetings that they attended.

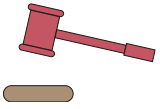
Rick Hodgkins attended the Sacramento Housing Listening Tour meeting. There were several different types of people attending including buyers, developers, lenders, and advocates.

- Developers: The process is too complex with too many fees (especially for environmental review)
- Advocates: There are multiple applications to fill out to live somewhere. Landlords are trained to disqualify an applicant if they find one mistake on the application.
- 3 of Rick's barriers:
 1. Some complexes won't allow you to live there if you are a full-time college student
 2. If you work before you finish the application, affordable housing units want 3 full months of pay stubs which can be difficult if you just moved and recently started a job
 3. It is difficult to find quality housing because much of it is very old and run down.

Kim Rucker attended the San Diego Housing Listening Tour meeting. The focus was more about housing development. They are looking at building state properties long-term especially for the elderly. Kim offered to help start looking at the issues for people with developmental disabilities or to look at the regulations.

6. **CAC MEMBER CHECK-IN**

The Executive Committee would like to add an item to the agenda named something like "Shout Out to DDS" to bring issues to DDS that people are hearing about in the community. It was suggested to put this on the agenda at every face-to-face meeting and have someone from the Director's Office come to hear the issues and questions.



7. **END MEETING**

Deaka McClain, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 11:59am

Next CAC meeting will be June 11-12, 2019 in Sacramento at the Crowne Plaza Hotel