

**Department of Developmental Services (DDS)**

**Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC)**

Meeting Minutes

**June 09, 2021**

<b><u>Members Attended</u></b>	<b><u>Others Attended</u></b>
Deaka McClain	Nicole Patterson
Shawn Costello	Sara Desumala
Tracey Mensch	Michael Shepard
Kim Rucker	Keith Nelson
Ryan Nelson	Vicki Williams
Sam Yi	Patricia Reed
Sylvia Delgado	Charlotte Kelly
Amy Lampe	Taylor Collison
Charles Nutt	
Trina Castro	
Caycee Ricketts	
<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	
Tim Farrar	
Craig Moorman	
James Wilson	

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Ryan Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:05 am

- A. Everyone introduced themselves
- B. Video Conference Zoom Ground Rules were read.
- C. The agenda was reviewed, and no changes were made. **It was moved** (Charles Nutt), **seconded** (Deaka McClain), **and carried to approve the agenda.**
- D. The minutes for February 17, 2021 CAC meeting were reviewed. **It was moved** (Deaka McClain) **seconded**, (Charles Nutt), and **carried to approve the minutes.**

## 2. CAC SAFETY TRAINING ABUSE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (DV)

Deaka McClain began the abuse module with the top of Domestic Violence. Before she began, she let the CAC know if they were uncomfortable with the topic of domestic violence/abuse they had permission to leave until 11:30. Everyone that was present at the meeting decided to stay.

- Statistics show
  - Every year in the United States there are over 3 million incidences of domestic violence.
    - ✓ That means that every nine seconds, every nine seconds not minutes, seconds, this means that someone is abused by their current or former partner.
- This can happen to anyone your mother, father, your brother, sister, niece, nephew, disabled and non-disabled people. It does not discriminate domestic violence occurs in 25 to 33% of our relationships

- Domestic Violence may include physical, sexual, emotional, psychological, financial abuse by a current partner or former partner, someone you're dating or in some cases even a support person.
- What are the different forms of domestic violence?
  - **physical abuse-** Hitting slapping kicking strangulation pushing punching beating.
  - **verbal abuse also, can be known as emotional-** yelling swearing, interrupting you then you may be talking to the abuser, you're talking to someone, and then he comes in and starts interrupting your conversation or even make you get off the phone, and talking down to you making you feel bad about yourself.
  - **Sexual Abuse-** forcing sex on an unwilling partner, demanding sexual acts that the victim does not want to perform this grading treatment.
  - **Isolation-** making it hard for the victims to see friends and relatives or even talk on the phone to them. This happen to people in general but, it really is a factor when it comes to people with disabilities. When people must rely on people or staff to complete their daily task. They may be controlling what you're doing and where you're going.
  - **Corrosion-** making the victim feel guilty, pushing the victim into decisions that abuser want them to make.
  - **Harassment-** following or stocking the victim. They may follow, watching their every move, call them on the phone checking up on them asking where they are multiple times a day, and may embarrasses he victim in public.
  - **Economic Control-** (known as financial abuse) Not paying the bills, refusing to give victim any money, not letting the victim work, interfering with the victim job, and refusing to work to help support the household.

- **Abusing Trust-** They're breaking promises, withholding information that is important to the victim, being unfaithful, being overly jealous, intimidating the victim and other family members, and getting mad quickly and easily.
- Deaka also went through some myths of abuse in the form of true or false questions.
  - Domestic Violence is just occasional loss of temper.
    - False- It is an ongoing technique used to enforce control.
  - Abuse only happens in poor families.
    - False- it doesn't matter who you are, what your race is, your sexuality, disabled, non-disabled, rich, poor, middle class, it does not discriminate abuse occurs throughout all levels of society.
  - Just an occasional slap, or punch that isn't serious.
    - False- victims are often seriously injured female victims are more likely to suffer miscarriages or to give birth prematurely. Male victims also suffer physical injuries.
  - heads of households have the right to control the people they support.
    - False- No one has the right to control a person know matter the situation.
  - The victim can always walk away from the relationship.
    - False- victims are not able to walk away from the relationship right away for many reasons, it may take time and planning.
  - If the violent episodes don't happen very often, the situation is not that serious.
    - False-It doesn't matter how many times it happens or how often, it's serious.
  - Victims have the types of personalities that seek out and encourage abuse.

- False-It doesn't matter what type of personality people have; anybody can be a victim of abuse.
- The group shared some personal stories.
- The CAC is looking forward to continuing the discussion in November.



### 3. **END MEETING**

Ryan Nelson, Chairperson at adjourned the meeting at 1:15pm

**Next CAC meeting will be November 16-17, 2021- Dates may change**