

**Department of Developmental Services
Consumer Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes
February 16 & 17, 2005

Members
Attending

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Absent

Others
Attending

Leland Jacobs
Nyron Battles
Kim Rucker
Daniel Dawkins
Tina Ewing-Wilson
Robert Margolin
Lori Sloan
Donald Roberts
Betty Pomeroy
John Graber
Debra Beeter
Colette Madore
David Miller
Thomas Michaels

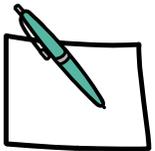
Clyde Pomeroy
Gabriel Rogin
Sherry Beamer
Mark Starford
Kim Morris
Barbara Mayer
Reggie Hodges
Jolynn Manwarren
Shannan Paul
Sandy Hanson
Jessie Jackson
Frank Martinez
Roosevelt Ervin
Devon Swedmark
Scott Griego
Richard Davis
Kathleen Ozeroff
Carol Risley
Kathy Chavez
Frank Martinez
Angel Wilson
Jean Barawed
Linda Thompson
Julia Mullen
Yvonne McQuiston -Tucker

February 16, 2004



1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Chairperson, Leland Jacobs called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.
- b. Everyone introduced herself or himself.
- c. Announcements were made.
- d. The agenda was reviewed; and **it was moved (John Graber), seconded (Ewing-Wilson), and carried to approve it.**



2. CAC 2004-2005 PROJECTS WORK SESSION

Debbie Beeter and Donald Roberts gave a presentation about their field test on the “Making My Own Choices” booklet at Agnews Developmental Center. Debbie explained that it was difficult to do the work with the consumers who reside at Agnews, in the large group that was assembled. She stated that it may be better to go to the residences and meet with the consumers in smaller groups. Donald acknowledged Debbie in her work with the Agnews group.

The CAC group then broke into small groups to work on selecting the graphics and pictures for the “Making My Own Choices” Booklet.

3. PLAN TO CLOSE AGNEWS DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER



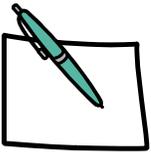
Julia Mullen, DDS' Deputy Director of Community Services and Supports Division discussed the plan to close Agnews and pending legislation regarding the closure.

4. STATE BUDGET UPDATE



Jean Barawed, Chief of DDS' Budget Section, discussed DDS budget issues including: the Agnews closure plan, the Family Cost Participation Program, and targeted case management.

5. CAC PROJECTS WORK SESSION



Nyron Battles, Betty Pomeroy, Lori Sloan, and Debbie Beeter took the "Pictures and Plain Words" project to various consumer groups for field tests throughout the State. They presented pages of pictures, graphics, and icons to the groups to test which pictures are easily identified and are meaningful to consumers. The pictures, that most people can identify and relate to, will be put together in a booklet and DVD. There will be two workshops to test the booklet. The first one will be in Sacramento on June 25, 2005, and the second one will be in Southern California in the fall of 2005.

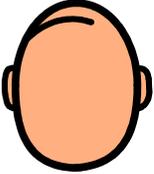
6. ARCA CAC UPDATE



Nyron Battles, Chairperson of the ARCA CAC gave a report on the last meeting that was held on January 20, 2005. The ARCA CAC recommended that they participate with the DDS CAC in their 2004-2005 projects. They gave input for the DDS CAC adaptation guide project, "Pictures and Plain

Words” and the “Satisfaction Guide” project. The next ARCA CAC committee meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2005.

7. DDS CONSUMER SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION



Kathleen Ozeroff talked about the application process for the DDS Consumer Services Coordinator position. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2005. After that time, all the applications will be reviewed, the most qualified applicants will be interviewed, and a selection will be made pending approval by the Governor’s Office, as this is a Governor’s appointed position.



8. CAC MEMBERS’ CHECK-IN SESSION

Members met with Kathleen Ozeroff, and members that chose to gave their community activity reports.



9. FACILITATORS’ CHECK-IN SESSION

Mark Starford and Sherry Beamer met with the facilitators.



10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45.

February 17, 2005



1. CALL TO ORDER

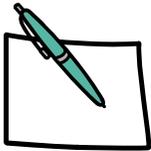
Donald Roberts, Vice-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 8:30.

2. ACTION ITEMS



It was moved (Lori Sloan), seconded (John Graber), and carried to approve the February 16 and 17, 2005, minutes.

3. CAC 2004-2005 PROJECTS WORK SESSION



Mark Starford and Sherry Beamer presented the group some choices regarding the format of the “Satisfaction Guide” - a booklet to help consumers answer questions on satisfaction surveys and better understand those surveys. The CAC agreed to make the project into a small booklet to accompany a DVD as a companion set. It was agreed that this format may be better understood by many consumers.

4. UPDATE ON SELF-DETERMINATION PILOT PROJECTS AND SELF-DIRECTED SERVICES WAIVER



Yvonne McQuiston –Tucker, Chief in Community Services and Supports Section at DDS gave an update on the proposed Self-Directed Services Waiver program and proposed legislation to expand the program to all twenty-one regional centers. She reported that under the proposed legislation, the timeline for expanding the program is scheduled to begin in January 2006. The first step will be to train regional centers about the Self-Directed Services Waiver program for the first six months, and to actually start implementing the program in July 2006. If the proposed legislation and waiver program is approved, Self-Directed Services will be available at all the regional centers, not just the regional centers in the Self-Determination pilot project.

She explained how the Self-Directed Services waiver program will work. There are some differences from the Self-

Determination pilot project. She said that if the program is approved, it is estimated that 9,000 to 11,000 people will be enrolled in the Self-Directed services waiver program throughout California over a five-year period.

5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT



Kim Rucker, Chairperson, CAC Nominating Committee gave the report of their meeting which was held on February 2, 2005. The other members of the Nominating Committee were: Nyron Battles and Betty Pomeroy.

The Nominating Committee reviewed the statements of all the candidates who were nominated in the November 2005, CAC meeting. After reviewing all the candidates, the committee recommended a slate of officers consisting of: John Graber as Chairperson and Tina Ewing-Wilson as Vice-Chairperson.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS



Leland Jacobs opened up floor to further nominations for Chairperson. Collette Madore offered her name and her nomination was seconded by Kim Rucker. Donald Roberts offered his name and his nomination was seconded by Tommy Michaels. These nominations were approved and added to the ballot. The election was held and Donald Roberts was elected as Chairperson.

Leland Jacobs opened the floor up for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Collette Madore offered her name and her nomination was seconded by Donald Roberts. Lori Sloan was nominated by Tina Ewing-Wilson and that was seconded by John Graber. Following voting, Tina Ewing-Wilson was elected as Vice-Chairperson.



7. PEOPLE FIRST OF CALIFORNIA SELF-DETERMINATION BUDDY PROJECT

Linda Thompson presented the training guide companion booklet to the People First, IPP Buddy System booklet. The training guides are aimed at teaching self-advocates to teach other self-advocates in using the Buddy System in the IPP process.



8. CAC ASSIGNMENTS AND NEXT STEPS

Mark Starford and Sherry Beamer facilitated a conversation in making decisions regarding the format of CAC publications. **It was moved (John Graber), seconded (Collette Madore), and carried to have a CAC logo that will be on every CAC publication.** It will be a graphic of two hands reaching together in a circle (currently on the “From Conversations to Actions Using the IPP” booklet).

It was moved (John Graber), seconded (Donald Roberts), and carried to have the same colors, blue and grey, on all CAC booklets.

It was moved (John Graber), seconded (Debbie Beeter), and carried to publish the “Making My Own Choices” booklet in a smaller size of 5 X 8 inches, as it may be easier for the consumers in the developmental centers to carry and use.

The graphic style for all CAC publications was discussed, and it was determined that more feedback was needed before deciding on a standard graphic style for all CAC publications.

Assignments were given until the next CAC meeting, to be held on May 17 and 18, 2005.

9. END OF MEETING



Leland Jacobs ended the meeting at 3:00 P.M.