

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

Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2012  
Phone/Video Conference

Members Attended

Rene Rodriguez  
Michael Cornejo  
Robert Taylor  
Cindy White  
Michelle Gordon  
Krisi Franzone  
Eugenia Jones  
Joseph Flanagan  
Lisa Krueger  
Tracey Mensch  
Eduardo A. Zapata  
Marcia Dinkelspiel

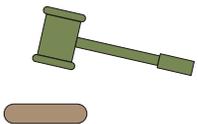
Others Attending

Lisa McCaslin  
Nicole Patterson  
Kathleen Ozeroff  
Mark Starford  
Timothy Schmitz  
David Miklas  
Christine Hager  
David Zagayer  
Edward White  
Oscar Rosales  
Jana Chapman-Plon

Member Absent

Sue Ann Hankensiefken  
Pattie Simpkins  
David Oster

1. **CALL TO ORDER**



Cindy White, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:12 am.



- a. Everyone introduced themselves from the phone and each video conference sites San Diego Regional Center, Tri-Counties Regional Center, Porterville Developmental Center, and Sonoma Developmental Center.
- b. The agenda was reviewed and no changes were made. **It was moved (Michelle Gordon), seconded (Michael Cornejo) and carried to approve the agenda with no changes.**
- c. The minutes of the November 2011, CAC meeting were reviewed. **It was moved (Rene Rodriguez), seconded (Michael Cornejo), and carried to approve the minutes with a change.**

## **2. OLMSTEAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (OAC) REPORT**

Robert Taylor gave his report to the CAC on the OAC meeting, which took place on November 9, 2011:

- a. **“Duals Pilot” managed care for people with Medi-Cal and Medicare**  
Department of Health Care Services discussed the planning and implementation efforts in moving seniors and people with disabilities from fee for service to managed care health care plans.
- b. **Adult Day Care Services**  
The committee also discussed the discontinuation of adult day programs and development of the new program with federal funds called Community Based Adult Services.

- c. **In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Planning**  
Department of Social Services lead a discussion on the State's planning for the Community First Choice Option. This program is designed help seniors and people with disabilities to have the services they need to stay in their home within their own community longer.  
They also discussed budget cuts that may affect people receiving IHSS services.

### 3. **EMPLOYMENT FIRST COMMITTEE REPORT**

Cindy told the CAC, that the committee is made up of individuals with developmental disabilities and family members, advocates, and regional center employees.

The committee's function is to do the following:

- ❖ Identify payment incentives and possible funding sources to motivate provider organizations to offer integrated employment supports.
- ❖ Review and make recommendations to the legislature on methods used by others states to increase funding to support integrated gainful employment and school-to-work transition services.
- ❖ Identify barriers and best practices of the Employment First Policy.

Cindy informed the CAC that the Employment First Committee submitted a draft Employment First Policy to the Legislature for approval and it was rejected based on some wording issues. The Employment First Committee is working on the changes to re-present to the Legislature.

#### **4. DDS BUDGET WORKGROUP DISCUSSIONS**

DDS scheduled six stakeholder workgroup meetings throughout the state to get input on how to achieve the required savings of \$200 million required by “the trigger bill” that was pulled in December. The workgroups will be made up of consumers, family members, service providers, advocacy organizations, and regional centers, a member from the DDS CAC were attending each workgroup meeting. The workgroup members will be appointed by organizations dealing with the developmental services system.

Eduardo Zapata and Rene Rodriguez gave a report on the budget meetings they attended, prior to the day of the CAC meeting.

Kathleen told the members who weren't asked to attend a workgroup meeting, that they could still give their input by writing their suggestions to John Schmidt at [John.Schmidt@dds.ca.gov](mailto:John.Schmidt@dds.ca.gov) or mail to: Department of Developmental Services, John Schmidt, P.O. Box 944202, Sacramento, California 94244-2020 by **March 1, 2012**.

#### **5. PROPOSED CAC BY-LAWS CHANGES**

Robert led the discussion with the CAC about changing the by-laws to better reflect the needs of the committee now. The following proposed changes were discussed and will be voted on at the May CAC meeting:

The proposed changes include;

- ❖ Adding the position of secretary to the officers. Current positions are Chair and Vice Chair.
- ❖ Term limits- a person can serve up two years in each position.
- ❖ Changing the number of meetings from four meetings a year to “up” to four meetings a year.

## 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: Rene Rodriguez, Michael Cornejo, Krisi Franzone, Lisa Krueger, Michelle Gordon, Joseph Flanagan, Cindy White, Robert Taylor, Tracey Mensch, Marcia Dinkelspiel, and Eugenia Jones.

## 7. **FACILITATION TOOL**

The CAC was asked by Mark Starford, Board Resource Center to take some time, after the meeting, to work on making their plans with their facilitators by using the facilitation work sheets. Krisi Franzone, and her facilitator Christine Hager, Lisa Krueger, and her facilitator David Miklas completed their facilitation work sheets and shared what it was like using the tool and gave ideas on how to make the tool better. The tool may be used by the CAC as well as other self-advocacy

## 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 to a group you haven't done a presentation to yet.

## 2. **Convention on the Right for Persons with Disabilities**

- a. Complete the CRPD work sheet in the blue folder, which you received at the November CAC Meeting.
- b. Review the DVD and call Nicole for the PowerPoint.
- c. Do one presentation in your area on the CRPD.



## 3. **Community Network**

- a. Talk to your Service Coordinator about the new dental program (Dental-Cal) that will be available to people who have regional center services.
- b. Connect with your State Senator and Assemblyperson; tell them how the budget cuts are affecting you.



## 4. **Role of your Facilitator**

Meet with your facilitator and complete the facilitation worksheet which was given to you at the November CAC meeting.



## 9. **END OF MEETING**

Cindy White, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.