

# Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

## *Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC)*

Meeting Minutes  
November 17-18, 2009

### Members Attended

Lisa Krueger  
Eugenia Jones  
Robert Taylor  
Cindy White  
Sam Durbin  
Michelle Gordon  
Krisi Franzone  
Tommy Michaels  
Pattie Simpkins  
Sue Ann Hankensiefken  
Joseph Flanagan

Marilyn Smith  
Colleen Deck  
Nicole Patterson  
Kathleen Ozeroff  
Carol Risley  
Mark Starford  
Tammy Evrard  
Daniel Meadows  
Victoria King  
Joaquin Perez  
Timothy Schmitz  
Renee Kurjiaka  
Rachel Long  
Katherine Guernsey  
Michelle Edwards  
Presley Clark  
Robin Rhoades  
Joe Meadours  
David Lopez

### Members Absent

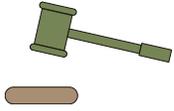
Amy Jessee  
Danielle Knight

### Others Attending

Jesse Padilla  
Jolene Bradford  
Ed Kako  
Darcy Jean Foddrill  
Edward White  
Steve Frances

**November 17, 2009**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**



Sam Durbin, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.



A. Everyone introduced themselves.

B. General announcements were made.



C. The agenda was reviewed and changes were made. **It was moved (Pattie Simpkins), seconded (Robert Taylor), and carried to approve the agenda with changes.**

D. The minutes of the September 2009, CAC meeting were reviewed. **It was moved (Sue Ann Hankensiefken), seconded (Pattie Simpkins), and carried to approve the minutes as presented.**

E. Sam Durbin appointed the 2009 nominating committee for the upcoming chair and vice-chair persons elections in February. The committee members are Krisi Franzone, chairperson, Lisa Krueger, and Michelle Gordon.

**2. CHANGES IN QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEM**



Renee Kurjiaka and Rachel Long, from DDS, came to talk to the CAC about the changes to the quality assurance system for consumers. Renee talked about the new system called National Core Indicators (NCI). This survey will replace the Life Quality Assessments (LQA) and Developmental Centers' Movers Study. The new survey system will help DDS by:

- Gathering more information on a statewide scale from more people.
- Comparing data with other states.
- Knowing what services are working and services are not working.
- Not all consumers will be asked questions every three years, only a sample of people will do it each year  
The reports should be ready in early 2011.



### 3. **COORDINATOR OF CONSUMER SERVICES REPORT**

Nicole gave a report on what she has been doing for the past few months:

She did a keynote September 22, 2009, on the budget cuts at the Bay Area Self Advocacy Conference.

She went to the Supported Life Conference on October 8-9, 2009, and did a training on the Leadership project.

### 4. **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: Lisa Krueger, Tommy Michaels, Michelle Gordon, Sue Ann Hankensiefken, Robert Taylor, Joseph Flanagan, Cindy White, Pattie Simpkins, Krisi Franzone, Eugenia Jones, and Sam Durbin.

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

Robert Taylor gave his report to the CAC on the OAC meeting that took place on November 5, 2009:

## **Budget Impacts**

Members discussed concepts for studying the Olmstead-related impacts associated with reductions in the Budget Act of 2009.

## **Legislative Discussion**

Members reviewed legislation that has been introduced with Olmstead implications.

## **Newly Funded Olmstead Initiatives**

Members will hear from panelists about recently-funded home and community based service. The Department of Rehabilitation has announced their intent to award roughly \$650,000 through ARRA in support of Olmstead initiatives for education and awareness, technical assistance and training, and peer-mentoring programs.

## **California Community Choices**

The report is in final stages of review and the Choices project Advisory Committee will be prioritizing recommendations from this report.



## 6. **H1N1 FLU**

Carol Risley gave the plain facts about the H1N1 Flu virus:

- What it is
- How you get it
- How does it feel when you get H1N1
- How can you protect yourself
- What should you do if you get H1N1
- Emergency warning signs
- How is H1N1 treated
- How can you stop from spreading H1N1 to others

If you need more information on the H1N1 virus, go to <http://www.dds.ca.gov>



## 7. **DDS SAFETY NET**

Rachel Long, from DDS, introduced Ed Kako and Steve Frances from Acumen. Acumen is the contract holder developing the Safety Net for DDS. Ed and Steve gave an overview of the Safety Net website. They let the CAC know that the website will have a new look as of February. The CAC asked Acumen if they could come up with a PowerPoint they could use to do presentations for their People First Groups.

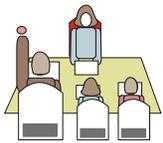


## 8. **CAC MEMBER'S RESUMES**

Victoria King, DDS, returned to help members with their resumes. Several CAC members turned in a draft copy of their resumes to Victoria before the meeting. Victoria came to the meeting with copies of everyone's draft resumes. After talking about each draft and what she would change, she handed out another copy of each resume with the changes. Victoria told the members that hadn't gotten their resumes to her that she will be looking forward to helping them too.

## 9. **CAC MEMBERS' CHECK-IN SESSION**

Members met with Carol Risley and Nicole Patterson.



## 10. **FACILITATORS' CHECK-IN SESSION**

Tammy Evrard and Katheen Ozeroff met with the facilitators.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 5:05 p.m.



**November 18, 2009**



**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Sam Durbin, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

A. General announcements were made.

**2. CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

Katherine Guernsey, United States International Council on Disabilities in Washington, DC. came to the CAC meeting to talk about a treaty (agreement) between countries dealing with people with disabilities and their human rights. This treaty is called the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). As of September 2009, 140 countries signed this, including the US. 66 countries have approved it as a law for their country, however this does not include the US; it will need approval by the US Senate before it becomes law for the US.

What does CRPD do for people?

- It ensures 650 million people with disabilities around the world can enjoy their human rights.
- Does not create new, special, or different human rights for people with disabilities.

- Helps countries understand how to act to assure people with disabilities are guaranteed human rights.
- Tells countries what they have to do so people with disabilities have the same rights as everybody else.
- The treaty covers all areas of life to ensure people are treated equally and is included in all areas of life.
- **The Treaty says ...PEOPLE ARE FREE:**
  - To have choices
  - To have the same rights to be included in society
  - To have equal opportunities for work and living
  - To have equal access to places and activities
  - To have freedom and safety
  - To expressing what is needed
  - To have access to information to assure quality of life
  - Being prepared for an emergency or natural disaster
  - To get around (accessible transportation)
  - To live independently and have community involvement
  - To have a right to an education
  - To have rights to medical attention and personal health
  - To have a right to work and be free from poverty

What does a country need to do once the Treaty is approved?

- Make rules and laws to give people with disabilities rights and change laws that aren't fair.
- Ensure no one discriminates against people with disabilities.
- Ensure technology, equipment, and information is accessible so people can take charge of their life.
- Make sure their government follows the treaty and educates people about the agreement.

What can we do to help it become law?

- People in the US need to learn about the treaty and how it can help people with disabilities.
- Be an advocate for the treaty!
  - Spread the word
  - Teach others about why the treaty needs to be signed
  - Explain how it will help people with disabilities in the US
  - Tell your Senator why this is important to you

If you want more information about the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), go to

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/ConsumerCorner/Home.cfm>

### 3. **PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLES WITH DISABILITIES**



The panel was made up of Sam Durbin, CAC Chairperson, Carol Risley, DDS, and Katherine Guernsey, United States International Council on Disabilities, to answer questions that people had about the Convention.



#### 4. **COMMUNITY ASSIGNMENTS**

The following assignments were made for the CAC members:



1. **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**  
Think about (1) human right that is important to you.  
Share your thoughts about the treaty with advocates in your community.



2. **Community Connections.**  
Find out the names of people you see all the time at places like your favorite store, your bank, or library to help get more connections in your community

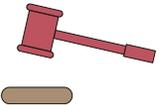


3. **Resumes**  
People who haven't completed their draft resume should send into Nicole, using the handout from Victoria King.

#### **REPORT BACK IN FEBRUARY**



#### 10. **END OF MEETING**



Sam Durbin, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 3:00p.m.