

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

Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2014
Phone Conference
10:00 – 12:00

Members
Attending

Rene Rodriguez
Michael Cornejo
Pattie Simpkins
Eduardo A. Zapata
Krisi Franzone
Eugenia Jones
Sara Desumala
Tracey Mensch
Marcia Dinkelspiel
Rick Hodgkins
David Oster
Yvonne Kluttz
Matthew LaGrand

Members
Absent

Kara Ponton

Others
Attending

Rosa Zapata
Nicole Patterson
Kathleen Ozeroff
Christine Hager
Jorge Fernandez
Luci Strangegroth
Dianne Person
Margaret Ship
Thomas Hamlett
Sylvia Rilk
Cecilia Herrera
John Doyle
Eric Gelber

1. CALL TO ORDER



Tracey Mensch, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

- a. Everyone introduced themselves.
- b. The CAC went over the conference call ground rules.



- c. The meeting agenda was reviewed and no changes were made. **It was moved (Rene Rodriguez), seconded (Pattie Simpkins), and carried to approve the minutes with no changes.**
- d. The minutes for the November 2013, CAC meeting were reviewed. **It was moved (Pattie Simpkins), seconded (Rene Rodriguez), and carried to approve the minutes with no changes.**

2. NEW DDS CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR

John Doyle the new Chief Deputy Director was invited to come to the CAC meeting to introduce himself to the group. John gave a brief summary about his employment history. John also let the CAC know Santi Rodgers, the new DDS Director will be starting on March 3rd. They both look forward to working with the CAC in the near future.

3. LEGISLATION REPORT



Eric Gelber, from the office of legislation at DDS came to talk to the CAC about legislation that is affecting people with developmental disabilities. The following bills enacted in 2013 affect people with developmental disabilities:

AB 602 (Yamada)

Requires that cases of serious abuse in developmental centers be reported both to the Office of Protective Services at the developmental center and to local law enforcement.

AB 126 (Steinberg)

Extends the requirement that health insurance policies and health plans provide coverage for behavioral services for individuals with autism and related disorders until January 1, 2017. Under current law, the requirement would have expired in January 2015.

SB 367 (Block)

Requires that regional center board members receive training on issues related to language and cultural competency for providing services to people with developmental disabilities.

SB 468 (Emmerson)

Creates a Self-Determination Program that will allow regional center consumers to receive an individual budget and will give them greater flexibility in choosing the services to meet their IPP objectives. For the first three years, self-determination will be limited to 2,500 consumers.

SB 555 (Correa)

Requires regional centers to communicate and provide written materials in the family's native language. Also, fixed an oversight from a bill from 2012 and changed the term "mental retardation" to "intellectual disability" in the Lanterman Act section defining developmental disability.

SB 577 (Pavley)

Would create a new habilitation service type called Community Based Prevocational Services. These, pre-vocational services would help prepare consumers to transition into Vocational Rehabilitation services and, ultimately, integrated, competitive employment.

AB 1089 (Calderon)

Would require that, when a child in foster care who is regional center consumer transfers from one regional center catchment area to another, steps be taken to transfer the case and start services in the new catchment on a faster timeline.

4. EMPLOYMENT FIRST COMMITTEE REPORT (EFC)

Rick, gave his report on the EFC meeting that took place on December 17, 2013.



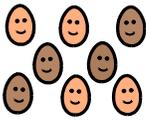
- ✓ The committee reviewed a draft Employment Data Dashboard that will show how well California is doing in supporting people with developmental disabilities getting jobs with regular pay.
- ✓ The committee was given a presentation on the PROMISE Grant it's a 50 million dollar over five years lead by Department of Rehabilitation working with several other Departments including DDS. The group of Departments is working on negotiating with 22 school districts to fund services to students who are 14-16 years of age that have disabilities and receive SSI. The services provided with force on major barriers to employment.
- ✓ The committee had a presentation on sheltered workshop and sub-minimum wage. The committee is planning to fully debate sheltered workshop and sub-minimum wage at their March meeting to see if they can come up with recommendation on how California should address these issues.
- ✓ The next meeting will be March 11, 2014.

5. FEELING SAFE BEING SAFE SURVEY UPDATE



Nicole Patterson, told the CAC that the updated Feeling Safe website by Monday, February 17, 2014. She asked the CAC to take a look at the site and tell her what they think after using it in a training.

6. CAC MEMBER 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, Rick Hodgkins, Krisi Franzone, Marcia Dinkelspiel and Eugenia Jones.

7. END OF MEETING



Tracey Mencsh, adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM.