

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

Meeting Minutes
May 7-8, 2013

Members Attended

Rene Rodriguez
Sue Ann Hankensiefken
Robert Taylor
Cindy White
Michelle Gordon
Krisi Franzone
Pattie Simpkins
Joseph Flanagan (By Phone)
Michael Cornejo
Tracey Mensch
Eduardo A. Zapata
David Oster
Marcia Dinkelspiel

Member Absent

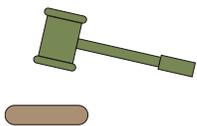
Eugenia Jones

Others Attending

Lisa McCaslin
Micaela Barajas
Nicole Patterson
Etienne Argoud
Colleen Deck
Kathleen Ozeroff
Jorge Fernandez
Timothy Schmitz
Jesse Padilla
Darcy Jean Foddrill
Ryan Duncanwood
Christine Hager
Rosa Zapata
Edward White
Renee Kurjiaka
Renee Mondlock
Stephanie Giordano
Jeanie Thurston
Heather McDavid

May 7, 2013

1. **CALL TO ORDER**



Tracey Mensch, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.



- a. Everyone introduced themselves.
- b. The agenda was reviewed and no changes were made. **It was moved (Pattie Simpkins), seconded (Rene Rodriguez), and carried to approve the agenda with the changes.**
- c. The minutes of the February 2013, CAC meeting were reviewed. **It was moved (Pattie Simpkins), seconded (Michael Cornejo), and carried to approve the minutes with the changes.**

2. OLMSTEAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (OAC) REPORT

Robert Taylor gave a report to the CAC on the OAC meeting, which took place on March 13, 2013.

- a. Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)-
Care Initiative and Home and Community-Based
Services Waivers
DHCS Director Douglas provided an update on certain Home and Community-Based Services Waivers and how they will interact with the Coordinated Care Initiative. All waivers will remain open during the demonstration and consumers will be provided with an opportunity to choose to apply to waivers programs or join the demonstration programs. If consumers join the demonstration programs, they will maintain their position on the waiver wait list. If a slot opens up they will have the option to opt out of the demonstration program and join the waiver program. Consumers cannot be enrolled in both programs at the same time.

b. Care Initiative Home and Community-Based Optional Services

DHCS Deputy Director John Shen described how the managed care plans participating in the dual eligible demonstration will have the ability to provide optional services including nutritional and home maintenance services. While these services are optional, the plans will have an incentive to offer them. Committee members asked questions and discussed how these optional services will work.

3. SELF-ADVOCATES BECOMING EMPOWERED (SABE)

Ryan Duncanwood came to the CAC to give a report on SABE. SABE is a national organization of Self -Advocates with representation from nine regions in our nation. SABE has four meetings a year.

Ryan shared the following goals for SABE:

- Eliminate institutions;
- SABE will support affordable and accessible housing for all people in the community;
- National healthcare for all people;
- Equal employment opportunities for equal pay for all people;
- People with disabilities will have self-advocacy at all stages of their lives with funding to support state, local and national self-advocacy organizations;
- SABE will educate people with and without disabilities on the options, choices and

alternatives to guardianship so that full guardianship is not an option whenever possible;

- Relationships;
- SABE will be a political powerhouse to work on legislation that effects people with disabilities lives;
- SABE will advocate for individualized services for all people with disabilities;
- SABE will support flexible and available accessible transportation (airlines, trains, buses) for all people in the community across the nation; and,
- SABE will educate people – all people - about disability issues that are important in their lives.

Ryan shared his email address rmduncanwood@gmail.com with CAC to share information and/or to ask questions.

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: Rene Rodriguez, Pattie Simpkins, Krisi Franzone, Michelle Gordon, David Oster, Marcia Dinkelspiel, Joseph Flanagan, Eduardo A. Zapata, Cindy White, Sue Ann Hankensiefken and Tracey Mensch.

6. FEELING SAFE BEING SAFE WEBCAST

Kathleen Ozeroff and Nicole Patterson went over some the information, gained from the Feeling Safe Being Safe

Webcast Survey. The group talked about the recommendations and possible changes to the webcast that would help people navigate webcast for training purposes.



7. COORDINATOR OF CONSUMER SERVICES REPORT

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

- Lanterman Choices Project ended the last week of April.
- Some members from the CAC were asked to participate in the Self Advocacy Conference last weekend May 4th and 5th doing 6 sessions on some of their publications.
- The next Statewide Self-Advocacy Network meeting is June 5th and 6th in San Diego.

8. CAC MEMBERS' CHECK-IN SESSION

Members met with Nicole Patterson.

9. FACILITATORS' CHECK-IN SESSION

Facilitators met with the Kathleen Ozeroff.

10. The meeting adjourned for the day at 5:00 p.m.
May 8, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

Tracey Mensch, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

- a. General announcements were made.

2. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The election was held for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.

- o The CAC elected Tracey Mensch as Chairperson, David Oster as Vice-Chairperson, and Pattie Simpkins as Secretary.

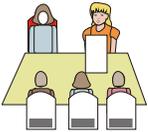
3. **NATIONAL CORE INDICATORS FAMILY REPORT**

Stephanie Giordano came to present the final National Core Indicators Family Report. The data from this report covers family members who live with people that are adults or family members who are guardians or conservators of people living outside of their family home receiving services from one of the 21 regional centers.

Renee Kurjiaka and Nicole Patterson had a group discussion with the CAC about next steps now that the Adult Consumer Survey and the Family Survey is now completed. It was decided to form a sub-committee with six CAC members who have passion for project that could meet one or two time month to put together recommendations on where people feel the area of focus should be moving forward, to present to the Stakeholders National Core Indicators Committee in October.

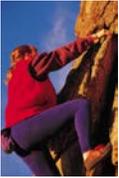
4. **CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION**

Kathleen and Nicole presented certificates to the members who have serviced their full terms on the CAC.



5. SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES

Renee Mondlock came and did a presentation on Supported Living Services (SLS) and its changes. The purpose for the service is to provide a person a way to live on their own with supports they need, written in the IPP. SLS had some changes over the last three years. The changes are:



- The team needs to make sure that all available natural and generic supports are used
- Consumers receiving supported living services who share a household with one or more adults receiving supported living services will need to share the following tasks:
 - ✓ meal preparation and cleanup,
 - ✓ menu planning,
 - ✓ laundry, shopping,
 - ✓ general household tasks or errands
- Regional centers shall utilize the same supported living provider for consumers who reside in the same house
- Rent mortgage or lease payment and household expenses are the responsibility of the individual and any roommate who resides with him or her

People still have right to fair hearing in if they are not happy with their services.

6. SONOMA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER (SDC) UPDATE

Jeanie Thurston came to the CAC to give an update on SDC. She gave summary of what DDS is doing to make improvements to ensure the health and safety of its

residents. DDS has already made numerous changes in the leadership and culture at SDC to ensure people receive the level of care that they required.

Some of the actions taken are:

- Karen Faria is the new Executive Director of SDC
- Added several staff on residential units to ensure the supervisors on each shift are able to oversee and support the employees delivering direct resident care.
- Put together a Corrective Action and Quality Assurance Team consisting of state and national experts to review the entire SDC care delivery system and are assist in implementing ongoing improvements to ensure the health and safety of its residents.

7. COMMUNITY ASSIGNMENTS

CAC members were asked to work on the following:



1. National Core Indicators

- a. Help the NCI Sub-committee by asking people in your community about what areas of services they feel needs improvement.
- b. Report to Nicole on the top three by June 20th.



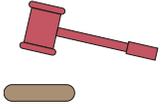
2. Feeling Safe, Being Safe Survey

- a. Do at least one Feeling Safe, Being Safe presentation using the Webcast.
- b. Keep a look out for the Feeling Safe, Being Safe Webcast changes; let us know what you think.



3. Supported Living Services (SLS)

- a. Get more information about SLS and how your regional center provides those services in your area.



11. **END OF MEETING**

Tracey Mensch, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.