

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

Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2016
Phone Conference
10:00- 12:00

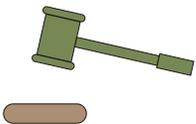
Members Attended

Rene Rodriguez
Marcia Dinkelspiel
Michael Cornejo
Eugenia Jones
Sara Desumala
Rick Hodgkins
Yvonne Kluttz
Lisa Utsey
Kara Ponton
Esther Kelsey
Matthew La Grand

Others Attending

Amy Wall
Christine Hager
Dianne Person
Rachelle Gomez
Debra Ponton

1. **CALL TO ORDER**



Kara Ponton, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.



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

- d. The meeting agenda was reviewed and no changes were made. **It was moved (Sara Desumala), seconded (Matthew La Grand), and carried to approve the agenda with a change.**

- e. The minutes for the November 2015, CAC meeting were reviewed. **It was moved (Rene Rodriguez), seconded (Eugenia Jones), and carried to approve the minutes with no changes.**



2. DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER CLOSURE UPDATE

Amy Wall, from the Directors Office at DDS came to talk to the CAC about the Developmental Centers (DC) Closure:

Background Information:

- DDS operates 3 DC's, which are home to just over 1000 people. Lanterman was closed on June 30, 2015. DDS also has one smaller facility, called Canyon Springs. Its home to 55 people and it's not being closed. People who live in DC's typically have really complicated medical or behavioral issues.
- In 2012, the state put a moratorium on placements in DC's. That means by law, nobody can move into the DC's. All 3 of the remaining DC's have been decertified by the Federal Government, which means that the Fed. Government doesn't think they are following the rules. So, they aren't getting paid by the Federal Government. It is not likely that the DC's will ever get in full compliance with the Federal rules. DDS has a focus on

the Lanterman Act so people can make choices and live in the least restrictive environment, the community. DDS has to develop really specialized services in the community. Everyone has to work together.

The Plan for Closure

- Last May 2015, DDS proposed to start closing the 3 remaining DC's. The first priority is to create a plan for Sonoma. The closure plan for Sonoma was submitted on October 1, 2015. DDS has a settlement agreement with the Federal Government about Sonoma. Sonoma will be closed by December, 2018. DDS is working on closure plan for Fairview and the general treatment area at Porterville. The secured treatment portion of Porterville isn't closing.
- The closure plan is due by April 1, 2016 to the legislature for both Fairview and Porterville. A really important part of the plan is stakeholder input. In January, 2016 they started reaching out to stakeholders.
- DDS has a presentation they give to consumers about the closure. The CAC received the presentation for input from Nicole. DDS wants to use careful planning so they get the very best for everyone in the future. Solving problems and making the community stronger will take a long time. We need to think of new ways to provide services in the community to people who have lots of complex needs.
- Please give your input on the presentation and closure plan to Amy. Amy.wall@dds.ca.gov.

3. SELF DETERMINATION UPDATE

The Self Determination report was given to the CAC by Nicole Patterson. The report went as follows:

- The stakeholders group has been meeting a lot lately. They are putting the training modules together for the Self Determination Program Orientations.
 - ❖ Nicole went over all three draft modules that have been worked on by the SD Stakeholders workgroup so far, they are:
 - ✓ Individual Budgets,
 - ✓ Independent Facilitators,
 - ✓ Background Checks.
- She will send the slides to everyone and they can review them and give her their input.

Stakeholders also asked the CAC about a person centered plan workbook that could possibly be added to the Consumer Corner publication page on the DDS website. CAC members will look at it first and give input to Nicole about whether it will help people with their self-determination plan.

4. NEXT MEETING

Please note the next meeting in Sacramento will be in June this year on June 14-15, 2016.

5. END OF MEETING



Kara Ponton, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.