

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

Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2017
Phone Conference
10:00- 11:10

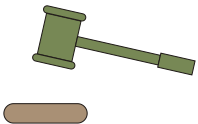
Members Attended

Rene Rodriguez
Sara Desumala
Rick Hodgkins
Kara Ponton
Esther Kelsey
Matthew La Grand
Marcia Dinkelspiel

Others Attending

Timothy Schmitz
Jana Chapman-Plon

1. **CALL TO ORDER**



Kara Ponton, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.



- a. Everyone introduced themselves.
- b. The CAC went over the conference call ground rules.
- c. The meeting agenda was reviewed and changes were made. **It was moved (Rick Hodgkins),**

seconded (Esther Kelsey), and carried to approve the agenda with changes.

- e. The minutes for the November 2016, CAC meeting were reviewed. **It was moved (Rick Hodgkins), seconded (Esther Kelsey), and carried to approve the minutes with changes.**



2. LEGISLATION AND BUDGET UPDATE

Eric Gaber came to the CAC Meeting to give updates on the on Legislation and the DDS budget. He started with Legislation and ended with the budget.

SB 982, McGuire- State Department of Developmental Services: developmental centers.-This bill would require the department to seek to modify the contract in existence on January 1, 2017, for the conduct of a movers study to include specified requirements, including, among others,

- a requirement that at least 250 individuals who meet certain criteria participate in the study.
- The bill would require the department to annually submit interim reports to the Legislature regarding the study.
- The bill would require, upon the completion of the study, the department to submit the study to the Legislature, as specified.

AB 796, Nazarian- Health care coverage: autism and pervasive developmental disorders.

- This bill would delete the sunset date, thereby extending the operation of these provisions indefinitely.

- By extending the operation of these provisions, the violation of which by a health care service plan would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Eric G. then started talking about the budget by saying that DDS is responsible under the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act) for ensuring that approximately 300,000 persons with developmental disabilities receive the services and support they require to lead more independent and productive lives and to make choices and decisions about their lives. California provides services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities two ways. The vast majority of people live in their families' homes or other community settings and receive state-funded services that are coordinated by one of 21 non-profit corporations known as regional centers. In contrast, a small number of individuals live in three state-operated developmental centers (DCs) and one state-operated community facility. The number of individuals with developmental disabilities in the community served by regional centers (consumers) is expected to increase from 303,447 in the current year to 317,283 in 2017-18. The number of individuals living in state-operated residential facilities is estimated to be 490 on July 1, 2018.

The Budget Highlights as of now are as follows:

- The Governor's Budget includes \$6.9 billion total funds (TF) (\$4.2 billion GF) for the Department in 2017-18; a net increase of \$280 million above the updated 2016-17 budget, or a 4.2 percent TF increase.

- Community Services
 - ✓ The increase in the OPS budget is due to increased regional center caseload, slightly offset by a decrease in Intermediate Care Facility-Developmental Disabled (ICF-DD) Administration Fees and minor adjustments in projects for the Affordable Housing contract and Denti-Cal. The decrease in POS is the net difference of adjustments for all POS budget categories based on updated expenditure trends and increased federal reimbursements.
 - ✓ Transition of Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT) Services to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) \$13.1 million increase (\$6.4 million GF increase) in POS to reflect updated expenditures for the transition of BHT services to DHCS which began on February 1, 2016.
 - ✓ 2017-18 The Governor's Budget projects the total community caseload at 317,283 consumers, reflecting an increase of 13,836 consumers over the updated 2016-17 caseload.
 - ✓ Total funding of \$6.4 billion (\$3.8 billion GF) is propose for services and supports for regional center consumers living in the community. This reflects a net increase of \$359 million.
 - ✓ Community Placement Plan (CPP) - DC Closure \$53.1 million decrease (\$55.3 million GF decrease) in DC Closure-specific CPP funding.

- Proposed Trailer to keep tabs on the following areas related to the Community Services Program

- ✓ Exemption from Federal Funding Requirements for Enhanced Behavioral Supports Homes and Community Crisis Homes with Secured Perimeters - Allows for the development of enhanced behavioral supports homes and community crisis homes with secured perimeters to meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities who have complex service needs.
- ✓ Allow Regional Center Consumers Aged 18-22 to Participate in Paid Internships - Allows consumers aged 18-22, who are still receiving educational services, to participate in paid internships for the purpose of gaining experience in competitive, integrated job placement.
- ✓ Update Service Rates Set in Statue – Updates service rates for supported employment and vouchered community-based training services that increased under the provisions of ABX2 1.
- ✓ HCBS Waiver Authority - Allows the Department to issue policy directives in advance of emergency regulations to align State requirements with new HSBC regulations by March 2019.
- ✓ Reporting of Employment Outcomes by Regional Centers - Requires regional centers to include consumer employment outcomes in their annual performance contracts to assist the State in measuring progress towards increasing competitive integrated employment opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- ✓ Broaden the Use of Community Placement Plan (CPP) Funds to Include Additional

Community Resources – Allows a designated portion of CPP funds to be utilized to develop services and supports for consumers already living in the community, including those with specialized and complex service needs.

3. **CAC CHECK-IN**

Rick Hodgkins gave a report on the Safety Net Stakeholder Meeting he attended in January.

4. **NEXT MEETING**

Please note the next meeting in Sacramento will be in June this year on June 13-14, 2017.

5. **END OF MEETING**

Kara Ponton, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.