



Consumer Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

8/20/2010

Members present:

Morry LaTour	Jessie Birdwhistell	Shannon Caldwell	Paula Caldwell
Lee Gordon	Claudia Johnson	Hazel Forsythe	Malkanthie McCormick
Jason Jones	Alan Wells	Harold Kleinert	
Karen Boudreaux	Pam Mattox	Fannie Stonestreet	

Guests and Staff: Marybeth Vallance, Ruth Caldwell, Megan McCormick, Debbi Jones

Welcome and Introduction of Board Members

Alan Wells welcomed the members in attendance and called the meeting to order.

Review and Approval of December Minutes

The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed, voted on and approved with Claudia making the motion to approve the minutes and Morry seconding the motion.

AUCD Update – Council on Consumer Affairs & CAC Member Interview Reports

Shannon Caldwell, CAC-COCA liaison, gave his report as COCA representative. He reported that COCA had just held their quarterly teleconference on 8/19/2010 and was still working on the 5-step strategic plan, which endorses more individuals with disabilities being part of the Council on Consumer Affairs. Shannon described COCA's goal as having consumer representation from each of the 67 UCEDD's. He reported that Karen Irick, CAC liaison for the South Carolina UCEDD, is part of COCA and was helping them implement the Strategic Plan. Shannon was also invited to write an article about HDI's CAC involvement and consumer-derived products to be included in the COCA magazine with the purpose of encouraging UCEDDs to include consumers in their plans and activities. COCA continues to work on the Operational Rules and voted on a Quorum Amendment and adding an Assistant Secretary to assist the Secretary, due to multiple meeting minutes and the responsibilities relating to the annual AUCD. Additionally, he reported that COCA was doing a consumer survey re accessibility at the annual new meeting facility.

Shannon then reported on his survey with approximately 11 or 12 CAC members about what they liked about the CAC and what they “needed” from the CAC. Members’ answers included:

- Some members wanted a call to remind them about the meeting and to review the agenda prior to the meeting
- Some asked for a “partner” at the meeting
- Others suggested that there were better ways to use the expertise of members in working on CORE projects, such as health awareness, education and wellness projects.

Dr. Kleinert and Shannon shared this report with the Federal MTARS Review Team and we will follow through with these member suggestions. Shannon, lastly, announced that there were over 200 proposals submitted for the fall AUCD meeting and that COCA was reviewing and scoring each proposal. Shannon is on the AUCD Proposal Review Team.

As Joe Cowan was present at the Joint Meeting, Dr. Kleinert had asked Joe to rejoin the CAC for a moment to say “hello.” Members were very pleased to have an opportunity earlier and at the CAC to welcome him.

KY Supported Employment Training Workgroup

Harold Kleinert reported that Milt Tyree’s Work Group on Supported Employment is to give a final report and unveil the new Self-Advocate and Family Webpage on Supported Employment to the CAC at our December meeting. The group has been convening through conference calls with Milt. Lee Gordon had invited Milt to the Commission’s “Parent Advisory committee” and Lee reported that the parents contributed valuable input. Malkanthie brought up that Paula had information she had collected while doing CORE Interviews and she noted the individuals interviewed stated they don’t want Day Programs, but want supported employment. Dr. Kleinert noted that the Core Indicators revealed that people continued to be in Day Programs much more significantly than supported employment.

Release of New HDI “RESOURCE MANUAL” – available on-line through web-site

Dr. Kleinert announced this release of the updated “Resource Manual” which is available on line but he stated that he will send out to CAC members a copy of the manual. We are also translating the Resource Manual into Spanish.

Transportation Update –

Morry reported that the Transportation Committee of the Commission for Citizens with Disability had voted to put together a Disability-Sensitivity Manual for drivers and that Marybeth and he would continue to work with Lex-tran to involve consumers in contributing to educational and sensitivity issues relating to specific disability, courtesy, and safety issues during drivers’ training. Shannon explained that he and many other rural KY individuals relied on R-Tech for transportation to medical appointments, but he noted that transportation availability and provider companies look very different across the state. Morry promised to explore R-Tech and their coverage area and policies.

MTARS Federal UCEDD Survey –

Dr. Kleinert reported that HDI was the very last UCEDD to be reviewed through the MTARS process. The four Reviewers praised our KY DD Network as the “gold standard” and were particularly pleased that CAC was so involved in trainings, ideas for outreach and the Core goals, and involvement in all areas of HDI. The Reviewers were also complimentary of our Graduate Certificate students and Research Assistant trainees that they met.

Post-Secondary Inclusion Project (PIP)

Dr. Kleinert and other HDI Project Directors, with Jason Jones’ involvement and help, wrote a 5 year grant to create a Post-Secondary initiative across the state with employment as the goal. Dr. Kleinert asked Megan McCormick, as a participant of our current Post Secondary Inclusion Partnership (PIP), to talk about her upcoming semester. Megan discussed her Developmental Psych and Biology II courses, and she was pleased to report that she would have an internship this fall at Southern Elementary with children, under the supervision of a preschool teacher and an O.T. Malkanthie continues to work with the state legislators re. convincing them that the post-secondary grant needs state funding. She is hopeful that Post-Secondary funding will be appropriated by the KY Legislature and not rely solely on federal funding. Jason reported that the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation is training its Supported Employment staff in goals of starting this program in high school with adolescents with disabilities, encouraging college as a choice and then ultimately, employment.

Agency Updates

Lee Gordon from the ***Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs*** reported that the Commission was still looking for support parents to answer questions and help other parents.

Claudia Johnson, ***Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities***, reported that the department is partnering with “The College of Direct Support” and that any SCL managers, support workers, or other interested parties could take this course. This will replace the core-training that the Waiver programs required. She also noted that Drs. Kleinert and McCormick would be presenting to the Department the HDI Post-Secondary Inclusion Project (PIP) at the HB 144 Commission meeting in September.

Though representatives of P & A and the DD Council were not present at the HDI Consumer Advisory Board this afternoon, Megan noted the importance of being a self-advocate.

***Next Meeting- Monday, Dec 6th from 9am to 12noon at the Holiday Inn North.
Adjournment***