



## **Consumer Advisory Council**

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 1, 2010

Members present:

Morry LaTour	Jessie Birdwhistell	Shannon Caldwell	Paula Caldwell
Claudia Johnson	Jeff Edwards	Pat Seybold	Peter Perry
Kerri Lea Wells	Alan Wells	Harold Kleinert	Sandra Duverge
Karen Boudreaux	Lee Gordon	Fannie Stonestreet	

*Guests and Staff: Daniel Livingston, Marybeth Vallance, Milton Tyree*

### ***Welcome and Introduction of New Board Members***

Alan Wells, the new council chair, welcomed the members in attendance and called the meeting to order. A slight change was made to the order of the agenda items.

### ***Review and Approval of December Minutes***

The minutes from the December CAC meeting were reviewed, voted on and approved.

### ***AUCD Update – Council on Community Advocacy (COCA)***

Shannon Caldwell, CAC-COCA liaison, gave his report as COCA representative. COCA held a conference call on Wednesday, February 24, to revise and finalize their operational rules. Members also discussed their strategic plan, which focuses largely on finding ways to increase representation from various UCEDDs and other institutions. Shannon also announced that he will be setting up brief telephone interviews with each CAC member to ask them about the effectiveness of their roles on the council, as well as strategies to increase their effectiveness. For more information or to make a suggestion, contact Shannon at (606) 330-1702 (home), (606) 524-6670 (cell), or email [sjgc14@windstream.net](mailto:sjgc14@windstream.net).

### ***HDI website survey and DD Network Survey***

Harold Kleinert announced that HDI was conducting a survey about the quality of resources and information provided on the HDI website. To access the brief survey, visit [www.hdi.uky.edu](http://www.hdi.uky.edu) and click on the survey link. He also reported that the DD Network survey had approximately 500 responses so far. They plan to send the link out once more and will share the results of the survey in the June CAC meeting. To access the DD Network Survey, visit [www.kyddnetwork.org](http://www.kyddnetwork.org) and click on the survey link.

***MTARS Site Visit July 20-23; Role of our CAC***

Harold Kleinert announced that the Monitoring and Technical Assistance Review System (MTARS), a monitoring system used by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities to examine all developmental disabilities programs periodically, will be visiting HDI from July 20-23 this year. Kentucky is the last state to be visited by MTARS for this review period. On Tuesday, July 20, there will be a public forum with satellite setups in several remote locations so everyone has a chance to give their feedback. Members of the CAC may also be contacted individually and questioned as to how they are utilized. Harold also mentioned that April 26-27 will be HDI's periodic review at UK. A Self-Study report has been prepared to examine progress toward HDI's core workscope, including quality of the graduate certificate, quality of research, quality of outreach programs, and quality of community training and education. He clarified that the MTARS review looks at HDI in the context of other UCEDDs, while the review in April examines our role within the University of Kentucky.

***Mid-South Regional Resource Center Advisory Board Clarification***

Harold Kleinert corrected an announcement from a previous council meeting that the CAC would serve as an advisory board to the MSRRC; the government actually wanted to establish a *national* advisory board that would oversee all regional resource centers, not an individual advisory board for each center.

***Evaluating our Annual Progress***

Harold Kleinert reported on the progress HDI has made in reaching the goals outlined in our 5-year workscope. The CAC needs to annually review this progress to ensure that goals are being met. For detailed information relating to each goal, see *Appendix A*.

***Recreation Stories – HDI Workgroup***

Harold announced that a group at HDI is writing a book about the achievements of youth with disabilities in Kentucky. He asked for contributions from council members or people that they know who might make good candidates. For a detailed description of what to include when submitting information, see *Appendix B*.

***HDI Final Reports and Spring Newsletter***

Daniel Livingston distributed HDI's newest newsletter (Winter 2010) to the CAC, as well as the 2008-09 HDI Annual Report, which includes several profiles of individuals who have benefitted from a wide range of HDI's services in order to highlight the personal aspect of the work conducted by our various projects.

***Agency Updates***

Lee Gordon from the *Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs* distributed a brochure about the Family to Family Health Information Centers and an application for becoming a support parent, although he said they were still waiting to see how funding will be affected by current health care legislation.

Claudia Johnson, *Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities*, said the Department was looking at several waivers that were up for renewal.

Marybeth Vallance announced that Dr. Stephen Hall, Commissioner of the Department, would be at an HDI seminar on April 16<sup>th</sup> about community living. Sandra Duverge asked about ways to provide information on the Michelle P. Waiver. Claudia responded that the Disability Expo at the Lexington Center in April will have state and local representatives there to assist people applying for the waiver.

Jeff Edwards, *Protection and Advocacy*, announced that a public forum on Protection and Advocacy would be held in Floyd County on April 7 from 7-9 pm. He also announced that a Senate bill creating a new level of care was unanimously passed. Jeff then shared a story of a man from Paducah who had serious health issues and was moved to Missouri and put on life support. It was then decided that life support would be removed as the man was not declared “not competent”; however, thanks to people advocating on his behalf, his life was saved and he was discharged three weeks later. Harold responded that the story really outlined the strong need for advocates, especially when dealing with things such as living wills, who will care for an individual with disabilities if a primary caregiver dies, and what can happen to individuals with significant disabilities in the health care system without strong advocacy.

Pat Seybold, *KY Council on Developmental Disabilities*, reported that the DD Council will be having a 3-day council meeting in 2011 to address needs and issues that will need to be addressed in the future (2012-2016). She also announced that current legislation dealing with autism and certification for therapists was likely to be passed in the Senate. Pat also mentioned that [www.kydisability.org](http://www.kydisability.org) was a great way to contact legislators about disability issues. The site includes relevant addresses and phone numbers, letter templates for correspondence with legislators, and allows individuals to create a profile so they can be contacted if relevant topics arise.

#### ***KY Supported Employment Training Workgroup***

Milton Tyree gave an update regarding the CAC’s Supported Employment Training Workgroup. He reported that the CAC workgroup had been thinking about ways that jobseekers and family members could get more accurate information about what’s possible with supported employment. In the three conference calls that have taken place so far, the group has developed several strategies, including the creation of a concise 1-page handout that has all pertinent information about supported employment, as well as a PowerPoint presentation that different groups can use to educate individuals and family members. It was also suggested that information could be sent to transition teams and consultants in the form of a newsletter. Milt also announced that a new page was being developed for the Supported Employment website which would have information and resources for families and jobseekers, as well as links to success stories, FAQs, and an acronym glossary.

***The meeting was adjourned.***

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR- UPCOMING 2010 CAC MEETING DATES:**

**Monday, June 7, Friday,      Friday, August 20 (tentative)      Monday, December 6**