



Consumer Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2013

Members present:

Morry LaTour	Pat Seybold	Shannon Caldwell	Malkanthie McCormick
Cathy Jo Edwards	Jessica Wolfe	Paula Caldwell	Hazel Forsythe
Elaine Brown	Karen Boudreaux	Harold Kleinert	Jennifer Crawford
Claudia Johnson	Megan Baker	Ashley Candelaria	Jeff Edwards

Guest and Staff: Jill Griffith, Kathy Sheppard-Jones, Nellie Jones, Marylee Underwood, Jana Arvin

Welcome and Introduction

Morry opened the meeting by welcoming all members present. All of our members introduced themselves and related their role as a self-advocate, parent of a child or adolescent with a disability or agency representative. And we welcomed our NEW MEMBER *Cathy Jo Edwards!* Welcome, Cathy!

Review and Approval of March 4, 2013 Minutes

Morry asked for members to review the Minutes from the March meeting. He asked if there were corrections or discussion. Members approved the Minutes unanimously.

AUCD Update – Council on Community Advocacy (COCA)

Shannon reported that Harold and he will attend the AUCD's Board of Directors meeting in Pittsburgh later this week. He noted that COCA continues to work on the universal transportation ID card, which will entitle self-advocates to use transportation systems while traveling in other areas without going through new, pre-approval processes. COCA also continues to work on gathering support for the International Treaty on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Finally, Shannon and Harold will be co-presenters in an AUCD Webinar on building effective Consumer Advisory Councils, scheduled for Wednesday June 24th from 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

Core Grant Application and HDI Website Changes

Harold noted that we have not yet heard on the funding status of our new Core grant (2013-2018) which begins on July 1. We do expect to be approved for funding.

Harold also reviewed the changes to our website, including the Spanish translation of key web pages and resources, Facebook and Twitter links, regular Twitter feed and updates, new Home Page photos, and a new tab “For Health Care Practitioners”. He encouraged CAC members to take the Web survey on our front page, and to share that link with others.

DD Network Meeting - Friday, August 9, 2013

Harold noted the date change to *Friday August 9th* for our Joint DD Network meeting. Our planning team (composed of a small group of P & A Board, DD Council and HDI CAC members). Our Annual Meeting will again be at the Embassy Suites in Lexington.

CAC Input Into Our Graduate Certificate in Developmental Disabilities

Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones, HDI Training Director, provided an overview of our Graduate Certificate in Developmental Disabilities. She discussed the overall course structure and requirements of the Certificate, faculty disciplines involved (including family members and self-advocates), topics covered in the Certificate, and the range of disciplines that students have represented. She noted that approximately 100 students have completed the Certificate since its beginning, and noted that we have both an on-campus (face-to-face) sequence of Certificate classes, and an on-line version of the classes. Any individual who has, at a minimum, completed a Bachelor’s Degree is eligible to apply. She asked our CAC to comment on two specific questions: 1) ideas we had for recruiting students, especially for our online Graduate Certificate; and 2) additional content that ought to be included.

Jeff and Marylee noted that ECU has a Criminal Justice graduate program, and students in that program could benefit from training in developmental disabilities. Jeff also suggested that the interface of developmental disabilities, and the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities who must interact with the criminal justice system, is an important topic for consideration in the Certificate.

Project Spotlight – College and Career Readiness Project for Students in the Alternate Assessment

Jill Griffith, Project Coordinator of our College and Career Readiness Initiative for Students on the Alternate Assessment, provided an overview of the project, and our plans for developing and implementing the model. Her PowerPoint was sent to all CAC members. Jill described how Kentucky is developing the College and Career Ready measures for all students, and how that model is then used to create the specific measures for students in the alternate assessment.

What followed was a very lively discussion by the CAC around the needs to insure that students with significant disabilities have access to the general curriculum and high

academic expectations, but that they also have ample opportunities for learning other life skills, including community-based instruction and paid work experiences that will lead to post-school employment. CAC members also noted the importance of social skills and peer relations in College and Career Readiness. The CAC discussed the need for the model to be understandable by parents.

Harold suggested to Jill that our CAC could be used as an informal advisory body to her initiative, to insure that both model and the accompanying instructional manual have explanations for parents and students about what the model means for them. Jill agreed that this could be an important function for our CAC, and Harold will work with Jill and Dr. Beth Harrison, Project PI, to insure that role for our CAC.

Discussion of Ways to Further Involve CAC Members in HDI Activities and Projects

Harold noted that we are looking at a way to enable CAC members to become more involved in specific HDI projects (depending upon their interests). We did not have time to explore this at the June meeting, but will set aside time in our August meeting for this discussion. Harold will send out our HDI project descriptions in preparation for our August meeting, so that members can choose those projects for which they have the greatest interest.

New Member Status for CAC

Harold noted that with the addition of Cathy Jo Edward to our CAC we are nearly at full membership. He asked that CAC members contact Shannon if they knew any interested self-advocates (ideally from northern KY) willing to join the Council, so we can fill our final slot.

Agency Updates

Protection and Advocacy

Jeff distributed to members P & A's Annual Report. He reported on P & A's community "clean-up" of the old Frankfort State Hospital and School Cemetery and the fund raising for a Memorial Marker, commemorating those who died and were buried "unnamed" after their inhumane residence at the now defunct institution. He reported on the PAMI Board Annual Meeting, and also noted P & A's new publication on the impact of benefits on wages.

DD Council

Pat noted that the Council will continue to work on passage of the Adult Abuse Registry legislation. She stated that the Council is very proud of the continued growth and activities of KY Self-Advocates for Freedom. She noted that the KY Arc *Future is Now Project* (funded by the Council) continues to provide workshops to families statewide in developing life plans. The Council is also working on an Employment Summit, addressing the most important issues related to work for individuals with disabilities. She noted that the Education team is working on a proposal with the KY Dept. of Education, to develop peer social networks at pilot schools in our state, which hopefully will be implemented in collaboration with Dr. Erik Carter of Vanderbilt University. Pat also

noted that DD Council's plan to implement a new approach to its targets – by viewing DD efforts in the context of broader “community building” initiatives. Within this approach, specific issues for individuals with disabilities (e.g., youth having productive things to do in the summer) are often issues for *many* youth in that community, and thus a broader Council focus can produce benefits for the entire community.

Department for Behavioral Health and Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities-

Claudia noted that the target date for implementation of the newly-revised SCL waiver in September 1, with waiver recipients entering the new waiver on their birth dates over the next year. The Department is holding extensive training for Case Managers this month on the new Waiver requirements. She further noted a Medicaid workgroup is looking at similar changes for the Michelle P. Waiver.

Lunch and Meeting Conclusion

After asking for any new business items, Morry officially adjourned the meeting at 12:10

FUTURE CAC DATES

Annual DD Network Meeting – ***Friday August 9th***, Embassy Suites, Lexington 9:00 to 2:30 PM

Regular CAC Meeting (to be video-conferenced) – ***Monday December 2nd***, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM followed by lunch. Coldstream