

# **Community Advisory Committee Meeting**

**June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

## **Minutes**

**Present:** John Russell, Bill Chapman, Larry Fries, Laura Scanlon, Marilyn Sword, Lonnie Pitts, Rachel Raiden, Trent, Julie Fodor, Olivia Lebens, Erick Yeary, Marsha Yeary

**Start at:** 8:34AM

**End at:** 2:10PM

### **Welcome and Introductions**

### **Reviewed the agenda**

### **Reviewed and approve previous minutes**

Marilyn corrected the Respective Language Bill under State Updates to Respectful Language Bill. Minutes were accepted by the committee.

### **Review CDHD Activities**

Julie Fodor spoke about the CDHD move and the “new to us” building. Explained that CDHD hires and works with several interns and trainees and how exciting it is to work with students from the University. We have had several interns graduate and will recruit new interns. CDHD plans on writing curriculum for these interns so they have a good understanding about CDHD, the state triad, and how they contribute. She hopes to adopt some curriculum from the Partners in Policy Making. Mary Bostick has applied for TA for Autism Support project. CDHD has also applied for a State Implementation Project for Services to Children with Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities (IADD). Julie went into detail about the project design for IADD and what impact that will have on the state. Brief review of other projects at CDHD to include IdahoSTARS, Positive Behavioral Supports, Autism Supports, and Deaf/Blind Project. CDHD is learning about social media and has a FaceBook page, please become a friend. Moscow ArtWalk opens this evening and CDHD is hosting 21 local artists with disabilities, ArtWalk will run through the summer.

### **SALN**

Larry spoke about the “Self-Advocacy It’s All About We” conference in October. There are an overwhelming number of high school transition students who want to register. SALN chapters are raising money for travel expenses and DD Council has scholarships available.

### **VocRehab**

Lonnie Pitts attended on the behalf of Michael Graham. 350 Idahoans have received services and are ready for employment, but there are not any jobs. Michael Graham has

implemented a “think tank” and starting up the Job Club from the late 80’s. (CRP) Community Rehab Program. Discussed job coaching and natural supports in work environments.

**Break 9:55AM – 10:10AM**

Viewed “Light at the End of the Tunnel” about waiting for services, video.

### **Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities**

Marilyn Sword shared the following information:

- Legislation has met since we have last met. Medicaid services will be trimmed and cut. Over two years Medicaid has been cut in Idaho over 200 million dollars (FY2010 & 2011). The state told DD Council has received a 9% state funds cut.
- Respectful Language Bill passed.
- Council is holding Youth Leadership Development Camp in Boise next week in collaboration with State Department of Education.
- DD Council is moving last week of August into state owned space.
- Determined to Vote will continue with partnering with several other state agencies
- Partners in Policy continues and had a recent graduation in Region 1 & 2. Next Partners in Policy Making will be in South East Idaho, probably a few years from now.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on American Disability Act - Monday July 26th 11AM – 6PM in Boise.
- Children’s Redesign Committee moving forward, open houses will be hosted throughout Idaho this summer. Marilyn passed out handouts to the group and encouraged everyone to visit the Medicaid website and provide input.
- DD Council’s current work plan is on their website. Marilyn would like to use some of CAC meeting in September towards the DD Council five year plan.

### **SALN**

Larry spoke about the current SALN offices. Mike Smith is SALN’s new Vice President, ???? is Secretary, and need to fill Sergeant of Arms. SALN will start a subcommittee for newsletter article writing, Erick Yeary will be asked to participate in this. SALN is supporting the Self Advocacy Conference in Boise, they are encouraging chapters to raise money, send in registration, and submit proposals for presentations. This has been a very fast pace year for SALN and they have grown significantly across the state. SALN will assist any area who wants to start a chapter, “We are all in this together.” “You know we all have our struggles,..but SALN is growing in a very positive way.”

**Lunch 11:40AM – 12:42PM**

### **Project Presentation**

Sue House presented Idaho Assistive Technology Project (IATP)

Reviewed all the many projects within IATP: Information, Assistance, & Resources, Training, AT Demonstration Centers, Alternative Finance Program, Equipment Exchange Program, and school-based services.

Matt Wappett

Teaches two classes at the University of Idaho, “What is Normal” and “Monsters We Make” these are interdisciplinary general studies, Core Discovery courses.

Matt also presented on the Person Centered Planning Project, a grant from the DD Council and the idahohelp.info website. Over the next year there will be a focus on three to four areas of needs that the Person Centered Planning Specialist can chose one to specialize in.

Fran Ship from Children and Youth Study Center introduced the clinical service side of CDHD. Did an activity on communication.

**New member applications reviewed and ballots passed out.** Applications included Karie Austin and Laura Hutchinson. Julie Fodor also read parts of Laura Hutchinson's letter; she will be joining the CAC in the fall as the University of Idaho Representative.

**Co-chair elections:** Erick Yeary & Bill Chapman both spoke on their own behalf. Ballots passed out.

**Next CAC meeting:**

Tentatively scheduled for September 27, 2010 in Boise, ID.

***Results of ballots - read after meeting:***

*William Chapman and Erick Yeary elected as co-chairs for the next year.*

*Karie Austin and Rachel Raiden elected new members of the CAC, three year term.*