

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

May 28, 2009

Water Center, Room 448A
Boise, ID

U of I Research Park
Post Falls, ID

Minutes

Present: William Chapman, Larry Fries, John Russell, Jim Baugh, Michael Graham, Marilyn Sword, Margaret Eldrich, Toby Schultz, Erick Yeary, Marsha Yeary, Denise Roberts, Laura Scanlon, Julie Fodor, Mike Smith, Karie Austin, Olivia Lebens, Allie Knight & Nate Smith

Start at: 9:08AM

End at: 4:03 PM

Welcome and Introductions

Reviewed and Approve Previous Minutes

Moved by John Russell to approve minutes, seconded by Larry Fries, motion passed.

Reviewed Agenda

Introduced visitors and new applicants

Karie Austin, self-advocate from Lewiston, student

Mike Smith, self-advocate from Moscow, previously on DD Council

Membership Updates

Erick Yeary – Team 7(SALN) is recruiting member, this is difficult because of transportation problems.

Larry Fries – Looking into the self-directed waiver. President of SALN.

Toby Shultz – Preparing for a trip to Disney Land

Bill Chapman – Full time student and working on becoming a minister.

Laura Scanlon – LPC, just received her licensing. Still doing a lot of volunteer work in the community.

Denise Roberts – Working and son just married.

Marsha Yeary – Encouraging Erick to find employment and supporting Erick in recruiting for SALN chapter 7, in Idaho Falls.

COCA – Need to appoint someone for COCA – Olivia invited anyone to contact her for the COCA website to learn more about the committee and their subcommittee.

Review of CDHD activities

Julie explained that the College of Ed has an interim dean, McMurtry

CDHD will be moving this fall into an accessible building on campus

Julie presented a PowerPoint of the accomplishments from the past year.

Break 10:28AM – 10:40AM

Reviewed the Idaho Training Clearinghouse – discussed and evaluated

Reviewed the Annual Summary 2008-2009 – discussed and evaluated

Lunch 11:30AM – 12:25PM

Presentation to retiring committee members, certificates of outstanding services to Toby Schultz, Denise Roberts, and Margaret Eldrich.

COCA – Need to designate someone from CAC as a representative for COCA. Julie said that this representative should be available for at least one conference call a month. Marilyn suggested that a co-chair was our designated COCA representative.

Larry Fries moved that Erick Yeary be the COCA representative, seconded by Marsha Yeary, motion passed. Olivia will pass out a sign-up form for COCA list serve.

Brainstorm

Laura suggested that as we work towards change on any topic we should try to connect with the local libraries.

Transportation – Marilyn introduced SILC/AmeriCorps grant, LMMNS (Local Ability Mobility Management Network), and the DCC (District Coordination Committees) are working on transportation plans for communities in Idaho.

- Marilyn encourages everyone to work within this programs/structure to improve transportation.

- Olivia will obtain websites from Marilyn.
- Julie asked to get input from the CAC as to how they suggest CDHD to get involved. Laura suggested that the CAC help distribute information.
- Gather information from other states that have successful transportation systems.
- Recycle older busses (working with AT Reutilization)

Employment - Robin Greenfield is working on customized employment. Julie would like to get a CDHD representative to sit on ERID, Marilyn suggested someone from the Boise office.

- Research what are the skills of successful job coaching.
 - What training is provided to job coaches
 - What does the SYSTEM support
 - Qualitative study on success/limitations and barriers/benefits
- Demonstrative project –
 - Employment site
 - Support Workers
 - How to transfer support – fade out the job coach – providing support to the co-workers OR evaluate the work environment then bring in customized employment plan
 - Voc Rehab will be performing a demonstrative project over this next year

By-Laws

Bill Chapman moved to accept by-laws, seconded by Larry Fries, discussion; addendum should be removed (it was a clerical error and was meant to be deleted prior to by-law dissemination). Bill agreed to the amended motion, Larry seconded, motion passed. Olivia will send out corrected by-laws to CAC members.

Break 2:00PM – 2:15PM

Project Bingo – fun game

State Updates

Margaret updated the committee about the ongoing changes at the University of Idaho; budget cuts, downsizing, yet the enrollment is up.

Marilyn updated the committee on the DD Council. As with other state agencies, the Council is facing a holdback of a percentage of their state funds for the current fiscal year. On September 17, the Council hosted a Person Centered Planning (PCP) Network meeting where the 13 person-centered planning specialists had an opportunity to network with self advocates, secondary transition specialists and independent living center staff. Marilyn encouraged everyone to learn more about the resources provided through this project. This year, the DD Council has conducted Youth Leadership Forum, is conducting Partners in Policy Making primarily in northern Idaho, has collaborated with the CDHD on the IdahoHelp.info (also part of the Person-Centered Planning project), and is supporting SALN, most recently to start a chapter in Nampa. The Council is also working with Senator Les Bock to eliminate the words “mental retardation” and “handicap” from Idaho law and replace those words with “intellectual disability” and “disability”. Other terms such as “idiot” are also being removed and the Council will work with Legislative Services to provide training to ensure that, in the future, all bills are drafted using People First language. The Council has also been actively working on the issue of premiums for families with children enrolled in Katie Beckett. Premiums are also being imposed on families with children in the Infant Toddler Program. Marilyn also gave an update on the Review Committee that is looking at planning for transitioning residents out of Idaho State School and Hospital (ISSH) and improving/enhancing community services in order to do so. The next meeting is October 8.

Jim Baugh updated the committee on the Disability Rights Idaho (DRI) formerly known as CoAd. New website is www.disabilityrightsidaho.org. DRI has been funded by Social Security for a new project – to investigate and monitor employers who are also the payees in Idaho. They are also presenting training workshops around the state called Keys to the Power of Work. CID’s annual strategy meeting will be in Boise at LINC office October 7th. Jim also discussed the issues of end of life decisions for people with disabilities and medical consent. These two issues have been worked on by a group of advocates, medical providers and, more recently, Right to Life advocates.

Michael Graham updated the committee on the VocRehab, funding arraignment for the school of the Deaf and Blind, will be looking into shelter employment in Vermont, struggling with funding this year, Voc Rehab has a code of ethics that will officially take effect in January 2010, and will have to higher certified rehabilitation councilors.

Omitted PBS presentation from agenda

Table new member nominations will be voted on in spring meeting.

Next meeting will be:

Tentative date will be January 22nd, 9AM – noon (MST) and 8AM – 11:00AM (PST)

DD Council be January 28 & 29

SALN Meeting will be held in mid January, Larry will let Olivia know.

Bill Chapman moved to adjourn, seconded by Marsha, motion passed, **meeting adjourned.**