

## **Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes**

May 31, 2018

9:00 AM PST/10:00 AM MST

F2F Meeting, Boise, ID Water Center

Jane Janzer: Call to order, 10 AM

**Present:** Amy Ireland, Jim Baugh, Gary Sandusky, Olivia Lebens, Mia Giglio, Tawny Espy, Richelle Tierney, Ana Vasquez, Lynsey Fenter, Jane Janzer, Julie Fodor, Jessilyn Matthias, Jane Donnellan, Mel Leviton, Shiloh Blackburn, Sharon Oberleitner, Kenia Ortega

### **New Members:**

- Mike Gates: Self-advocate
- Alicia Birch: Parent of a child with a disability
- Both will receive orientation and training

### **Julie Fodor-What is a UCEDD? What does it do? See presentation slides:**

- Build Capacity: teach, support trainees, community-based service learning, mentoring, preservice
- Research, student projects, program evaluations, dissemination of information, conference presentations
- NODA (Naturalistic Observation Diagnostic Assessment) technology for parents of children with possible Autism Spectrum (Gwen Mitchell and Sharon O)
- Core grants, projects funded for different purposes

- Accountable to: University of Idaho, CAC, funding and oversight, Sponsored Programs (OSP), various project and state advisory committees, human resources...
  - CAC concerns: can we home in on certain functions? Clear understanding of roles for individual CAC members
  - More CAC collaboration outside of formal meetings?
  - Provide hard copy of select information to new members?
  - Need to broaden language to include more than “developmental disabilities”

### **SESTA (Julie):**

- Special Education Support Technical Assistance
- Assist special education instructors (instruction, training, effective IEP's, etc.)
- Funded by State Dept. of Education
- Focus is on student/individual's behavior
- Instructional, behavioral, AT/Universal Design, clearing house training component
- Help Desk: School officials can call to request assessments for students, information
- Summer conference: June 12 in Boise, ID; Unlocking the Behavior Code
- Assistive Technology consultations, student-team trainings (empower students and IEP teams)
- Suggest types of assistive technology, supports in school and home

- Clearing House trainings (birth to 18, 18 to 21 programs and low-incidence disabilities)
- Collaboration between Boise State and Moscow UI

### **Janice Carson-Post-Secondary Support Presentation:**

- Tools For Life (TFL) Conference 2018
  - 272 student attendees this year
  - Agencies: Assistive Technology, Health & Welfare, ID Voc Rehab, Department of Education, Dept. of Labor, ID IMPACT
  - Video games were a huge hit, encouraged communication
  - Reality Town; learn about decision-making in “real life”
  - Opportunity to tour college campuses
- Vandal Summer Academy
  - ID Voc Rehab
  - 12 participants
  - Other local colleges have programs
- Think College grant
  - Goal: increase inclusive higher education for people with intellectual disabilities (now at UI, BSU, LCSC, WSU, large task force)
  - Promote knowledge and awareness of intellectual disabilities
  - Increase inclusion
  - Develop effective components
  - Alignment with stakeholders

- Idaho Assistive Technology (AT) Project
  - Federally funded
  - Similar programs are present at all UCEDDs across the nation
  - National Deaf-Blind Project (NDBP) grant
  - Has an Advisory Council
  - Definition of AT: Technology that assists a person who has a disability with a functional need
  - Lending library at all Idaho college campuses (Moscow, Boise, CDA, Idaho Falls)
  - Collaboration between agencies
  - Lending library usage at no cost in Idaho
    - ❖ Public Awareness
  - 2036 items on AT4ALL website
  - Social Media (Facebook, Pinterest, Instagram, etc.)
  - Idaho AT4ALL website: connect items with people across locations, buy, sell, give away items
  - Need access for Spanish Speakers
  - Connect with AT specialists/providers
- IATP financial loans
  - Only lending library with banking partners (Zions and Key Banks)
  - Users in need can apply for loans for equipment; if denied by banks, funding request goes to special committee for consideration
- Computers For Kids
  - Non-profit in Boise, Idaho
  - Refurbishes computers and provides for kids with disabilities
  - Donations accepted

### **artAbility Presentation (Jessilyn and Mia):**

- Positive participant, student, and director experiences
- Ways to expand program to different places?

### **Latino Community Outreach Presentation (Amy and Kenia):**

- Need to provide support to parents with kids and adults with disabilities in Hispanic communities
- Must find translators/Spanish speakers
- Understand the dynamics of individual vs. community
- Community and families must build trust with “outsiders” before accepting help
- Religion and superstition are often barriers to assistance

### **Gary Sandusky -- Building an Idaho Policy Coalition:**

- Starts with us / community members
- Now called “Medicaid Matters in Idaho”
- Collaboration is essential: social influence and shared resources
- Advocacy for policies that help individuals and families affected by disabilities
- Need volunteers, boots on the ground
- Sponsors: Idaho DD Council and CDHD, Disability Rights Idaho, LINC, LIFE
- Fellows: Kevin Swearngen, Carly Saxe -- recruit members, update information and email lists
- Began in 2017 with an interest in state policies, but changed focus when Congress proposed block grants/caps on Medicaid and HCBS services

- Aim is to educate legislators about people with disabilities and negative effects to services if cuts are approved
- Tell Your Story! – Recruit individuals to make videos of how their life is improved with Medicaid and HCBS Services
- Louisiana and Montana have already passed block grants to Medicaid and are feeling the consequences
- Invite legislators to meetings to have conversations and educate
- Need to learn rules about advocating / speaking about policies and calling representatives as individuals and state-affiliated employees (ex. what phone to use, what to say, when to call, who to call)

### **Future CAC Goals:**

- What direction should the coalition go?
- Employees of CDHD can educate legislators but not push politics or agenda
- Invite legislators to meetings
- Encourage more ethnic diversity and people of color to join, visit
- Influence future leaders and legislators, build relationships
- Prepare for next legislative session
- Fight at an “idea” level about dangers of block granting and Medicaid cuts
- Involve graduates of Partners in Policy Making
- Educate others about HCBS and other services
- Create a broad, direct idea and message

- Connect people in Idaho
- Monthly CAC phone meetings and/or updates?
- Create a simple handout of information?
- Collected Medicaid stories can be used for education and other CDHD uses

**Next meeting:** September 27, 2018 (tentative, will send Doodle Poll)

Jane Janzer: Adjourned CAC meeting at 4:00 pm MST