

**HDI Consumer Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Coldstream Training Room
Monday March 31, 2014: 9 AM – 12 PM**

In attendance today was

1. *Adam Jones*
2. *Morry Latour*
3. *Malkanthie McCormick*
4. *Cathy Jo Edwards*
5. *Shannon Caldwell*
6. *Megan Baker*
7. *Paula Caldwell*
8. *Harold Kleinert*
9. *Allie Rhodes*
10. *Jennifer Crawford (From Paducah)*
11. *Elaine Brown (From Paducah)*
12. *Jeff Edwards*
13. *Claudia Johnson*
14. *Lee Gordon (From Louisville)*

Guests and HDI Staff: Ruth Caldwell, Nellie Jones, Patti Parson, Matt Renfro, Rodney Caldwell, Judy Johns

1) Welcome & Introductions (9:00)

Paula Caldwell

Paula called the meeting to order, and all participants introduced themselves.

2) Review and Approval of December Minutes (9:05)

Paula Caldwell

Minutes were distributed and members reviewed them. No questions or concerns. Malkanthie made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Morry and Cathy Jo. The minutes were approved.

3) AUCD Update – Council on Community Advocacy

Shannon Caldwell

Shannon went over AUCD updates, including national work of COCA (Council on Community Advocacy). Current work includes transportation initiatives, employment (issues of how we can collaborate at the national and state levels to improve employment), and housing (accessibility). COCA is continuing to work on behalf of the International Treaty on Disability Rights.

4) KYSAFF Conference Quick Report – Morry and Malkanthie

Morry and Malkanthie attended the KYSAFF conference this month, along with Megan McCormick. Malkanthie-“I was impressed with the incredible energy brought to the conference.” Speakers included Bruce Anderson and Daimon Hargis. The morning was about building true communities, not a separate community of people with disabilities, but an integrated community involving everyone. The goal is to build the capacity of the community to accept and respect all individuals. HDI co-sponsored the conference, along with KY P & A, and the DD Council.

Setting September date for Our CAC meeting - There will be no joint meeting in August. **Monday September 8th** was proposed by Dr. Kleinert as an alternate date for our CAC meeting. This date was approved by everyone present. We are thus meeting on the following dates this year: **Monday June 2nd, Monday September 8th, and December 1st.**

5) Our New KY Peer Support Network Project Patti Parsons

Patti described the **KY Peer Support Network Project**, funded by the Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities. Dr. Erik Carter of Vanderbilt, nationally renowned for his work in peer supports, will be working with schools statewide. Information on the project was passed around to the CAC.

The first regional training was held last week in Northern Kentucky, and each regional educational cooperative will receive a full-day training, with school teams invited from each cooperative. One pilot site school will then be selected for each region. In the training last week, Dr. Carter gave many examples of how schools can integrate peer supports and peer networks into existing school programs, not something to add onto it or “extra” work, but an integral part of the educational experience for students with significant disabilities. Patti noted the upcoming trainings in the packet.

Website- www.kypeersupport.org Malkanthie had a question about whether incentives were used to recruit participants. Erik Carter noted that food can be used to get individuals to come to kick-off meetings but no specific incentives are used to recruit peers. Shannon suggested that the project approach it from the person-centered planning perspective (transition planning, IEPs)...and integrate peer supports into that planning.

Kessler Putting Faith to Work Project Harold

Milt Tyree directs this new HDI project that works with faith communities about practices and supports for folks within their own communities, and explores ways of partnering with faith communities to further good employment for a member who has a disability. Contact information for Milt is mtyree@uky.edu if your faith community might be interested or if you have ideas for him on implementing this new exciting project.

6) CAC Review of Member Feedback on Involvement in HDI Projects

Based on our discussion from our December meeting, Harold developed a menu of options that HDI project directors had indicated would be valuable roles for CAC members. Harold passed that menu of options out to all members, with the invitation to members to select one or two things that they would like to become involved in with specific HDI Projects. Harold will then follow up with individual members.

BREAK – 10:15 – 10:30

7) College and Career Readiness Update Jill Griffiths

Our CAC serves as the Advisory Board to the College and Career Readiness Project. Jill’s presentation today included information about the College and Career assessment and accountability model...all in draft form. The project wants this to go to KDE (KY Department of Education) by this Summer. TAR (Transition Attainment Record) was described as how students with disabilities can meet benchmarks in

terms of employability skills, career ready definitions, and college ready benchmarks. Jill described what College and Career readiness means for students on the Alternate Assessment. She described the areas of student-focused planning (IEP development, student participation, planning strategies), student development (academic development, career development, personal social development), interagency collaboration (collaborative service delivery), program structure, and family involvement. In the development of the instructional model, attributes of student development and program structure are considered (determining student transition competencies), aligning student transition competencies with alternate assessment academic standards, development of a course of study descriptions, and development of a curriculum framework tool or document/WIKI (an online curriculum document).

CAC members discussed how *not* having a standard high school diploma can be a barrier to employment opportunities, and Jill noted how the project is working to define the competencies represented by the Alternate Diploma, as a documentation for employers of career readiness for students on the alternate assessment. CAC members also noted the importance of students' learning transportation skills and other community skills, so that they can get to their jobs after they graduate!

8) **Reviewing Our Yearly Progress –Harold and Allie**

Dr. Kleinert went over the current HDI dashboard, showing our yearly progress on our CORE goals and objectives. Allie gave examples pertaining to a few of the goals, in terms of how our work has impacted individual people. Because we had a limited amount of time to report at this meeting, we will give a more detailed description of progress on each of our Core workscope objectives at our June meeting.

9) **Review of Family Member Nominations CAC Nominating Committee**

Our nominating committee approved the applications of two potential family representatives for our CAC: Jennifer Mynear and Prema Rapuri. Both had indicated a strong desire to be on the CAC, and both had been engaged in considerable advocacy on behalf of both their own daughters, and for other families. The CAC voted to approve their nominations for a three year term. Harold will notify Jennifer and Prema of their selection, and invite them to the June meeting.

10) **Agency Updates (P & A, DD Council, DDID, OVR, CCSHN, State ADA Office)**

Protection & Advocacy: Marsha Hockensmith, P & A Director, is retiring this summer. The search committee is actively working to identify candidates, and Cathy Jo is on that committee. P & A continues to move forward on working with the Cabinet on the settlement to address the needs of individuals with mental illness living in Personal Care Homes. Jeff also gave everyone a copy of P & A's new brochure and Annual Report/Calendar.

DD Council: Pat Seybold, DD Council Executive Director, is also retiring. The Council will also start interviewing candidates very soon. The Council will also be moving to a new location, and will become more independent of the state.

KY Division for Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities: Claudia reported that as of March 1, a total of 422 individuals had transitioned to the new Supports for Community Living Waiver (SCL-2). An emergency regulation has been filed to hold the reimbursement rates constant for 6 months for day programs in KY (through June 30 of this year) so as not to cut the reimbursement rate until then, and an emergency regulation has been filed to start a waiting list for the Michelle

P. Waiver (which is at capacity). The current state budget (not yet signed by the Governor) does not allocate new slots for the Michelle P. Waiver. The Division is also looking at a new assessment tool, specifically designed for children, to determine if children meet the level of care need required for participation in the Michelle P Waiver.

Commission on Children with Special Health Care Needs: Lee reported that the Commission is continuing its Family to Family Support Program, and that the Commission is collaborating with HDI on a Peer Mentoring Project, in which HDI is recruiting and training young adult mentors, and the Commission is currently working to match these new mentors with mentees.

11) **New Business and Announcements:**

Megan Baker presented a statement she had written advocating for personal choice in the types of day programs in which individuals with disabilities participate. She noted that some individuals value their current day programs, and should continue to have those opportunities.

13) **Lunch and Further Discussion about CAC Members' Involvement in HDI Projects**

NEXT MEETING: Monday June 2, 9:00 AM to 12:00, followed by working lunch.