

HDI Consumer Advisory Council
Online meeting in Zoom
Monday December 6, 2021 10:30AM – 1:30PM

In attendance today... CAC Members

Morgan Crawford
Camille Collins
Cathy Lerza
Julie Pfeiffer
Jay Tyner-Wilson
Joe Cowan
Lee Gordon
Walt Bower
Skylar Koehler
Becky Cabe (for Jonathan White)
Karen Lane
Jennifer Hicks

Presenters: Danielle Augustin, Jeremy Pope, Luke O’Hara, Haley Potter,
Phil Rumrill

1) Welcome & Introductions Morgan Crawford

Morgan Crawford opened the meeting. All members introduced themselves.

2) Review and Approval of September minutes Morgan Crawford

Morgan asked for members to review the September minutes. Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes, and Joe seconded. Camille and Jennifer abstained from voting.

3) AUCD update – Council on Leadership in Advocacy (COLA) Walt Bower

Walt provided an update for the Council on Leadership in Advocacy (COLA). The last COLA meeting occurred on November 17th, 2021 and Walt attended the COLA meeting. John Tschida, AUCD Executive Director, reported that AUCD is redesigning their website and including people with disabilities at all points in redesign. Danny Armstrong, President of AUCD Board of Directors, discussed the

importance of research. The theme of the AUCD conference this year was “Learning together: Connecting Research and Lived Experience” and the conference occurred on November 15-17.

- 4) Prepared4ALL: Whole Community Inclusive Emergency Planning project
-Input and feedback from CAC members
Danielle Augustin

Danielle Augustin introduced the Prepared4All project. The purpose of the initiative is to help disability and community-based organizations develop relationships to increase disability inclusion in emergency and public health preparedness. The primary outcome of Prepared4All is to create partnerships with local emergency and public health planners.

There are three program components: an online course, affiliate town halls, and student trainees and young professionals. Danielle played a short video that described the online training, Prepared4All: Whole Community Inclusive Emergency Planning. The online training helps emergency planners understand how to be more inclusive and helps the disability community increase knowledge about emergency preparedness. Affiliates and partners include anyone who is interested in emergency and public health preparedness.

Affiliate monthly town halls occur on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 1-2pm EST. Virtual problem-solving and networking are the goals of the town hall meetings. Prepared4All trainees are AUCD network and LEND trainees wanting to work in the field. Trainees complete the online course, attend regular meetings, support local disability organizations, and conduct research to apply concepts in a local context.

The focus of Prepared4All is vaccine confidence and access. The goals of the Vaccine Confidence project are creating plain language materials, addressing vaccine hesitancy, and identifying barriers. Danielle discussed a PSA campaign that is focused on sharing personal reasons for why people decide to get vaccinated.

- 5) HDI’s Evaluation Unit projects
-Input and feedback from CAC members
Jeremy Pope
Luke O’Hara

Jeremy Pope and Luke O’Hara presented updates on HDI’s Evaluation Unit projects. The purpose of HDI’s Evaluation Unit is to help evaluate projects for

HDI as well as agencies throughout the state and country. HDI's Evaluation Unit designs evaluations, performs evaluation work, develops customized reports, provides technical assistance, and performs data collection and analysis to help agencies obtain and maintain funding.

Jeremy discussed several ongoing evaluation projects. Morgan asked if there is any training in Louisville to educate individuals on how to make the city safer. Jeremy stated that he was not aware of any current projects. Walt asked about the KY LEADS project and the training involved. Jeremy commended the KY LEADS project and reported on the coursework and training required to become a Special Education Director.

- 6) Universal Design in the Performing Arts Project update
-Input and feedback from CAC members Haley Potter

Haley Potter provided an update on the Universal Design in the Performing Arts project. Haley designed a guidebook for implementing universal design in the performing arts. She surveyed performing arts patrons with disabilities about their experience with attending performing arts venues. Haley showed portions of the guidebook, which is divided into three sections: the case for universal design in the arts, Disability 101, and practical uses of universal design in the arts.

Haley discussed practical uses of universal design in the arts in the areas of ticketing, seating, training of staff, accessibility services, signage, lighting and sound, and parking. She talked in-depth about an innovative idea for sensory signals which provide a detailed warning for the occurrence of a loud noise or light effect in the show.

- 7) VR Technical Assistance Center on Quality Employment project update
-Input and feedback from CAC members Phil Rumrill

Phil Rumrill provided an update on the VR Technical Assistance Center on Quality Employment project. The VR Technical Assistance Center provides training and technical assistance to state vocational rehabilitation agencies regarding the notion of quality employment in an effort to move beyond the idea of successful employment as a singular job. The emphasis of this project is to help states build the capacity to assist clients who work with VR agencies to obtain the highest quality of job possible that meet the individual's goals and reflect the labor

demands in the local economy. With the reopening of economies, opportunities are burgeoning, and each job seeker now has several different employment opportunities available to them.

Training includes the use of assistive technology, universal design, implementation of the ADA, and identifying when workplace discrimination has occurred and what they can do about it. Walt asked if providing technical assistance has become easier due to the increase in employment opportunities. Phil discussed how this has made it both easier, but also more challenging as well. Phil foresees continued job creation and growth as the country works through the current pandemic.

- 8) Conversation on recruiting LEND students for next year
-Input and feedback from CAC members
- Phil Rumrill
Walt Bower

Phil Rumrill and Walt Bower started a conversation on recruiting LEND students for next year. Phil began with a brief overview of the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Disabilities (LEND) program. The target population of the grant is individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other developmental disabilities (DD). The LEND program is a focused training program for graduate students in interventional areas that work with people with ASD/DD, self-advocates, and family members. Walt asked the council members for organizations that might be interested in participating in the LEND program. Karen mentioned the Down Syndrome of Louisville. Morgan asked how old you must be to be a part of the LEND program and Phil replied that the minimum age is 18 years.

- 9) Agency Updates (P & A, DD Council, DDID, OCSHN, OVR)
- Each Agency

Division of Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities – Cathy Lerza discussed DDID’s mission to empower each person to realize their place in the community as a citizen of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. DDID partners with and supports individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities, families, stakeholders, and government agencies. DDID is organized into three branches: Waiver branch, Community Supports branch, and Clinical Services branch. The Waiver branch administers the Supports for Community Living waiver and Michelle P Waiver. The Community Supports branch provides staff support, technical assistance, and monitoring of 14 CMHCs. The Clinical Services branch coordinates quality assurance,

quality improvement, and risk management throughout the division. DDID has recently been working on keeping people safe by encouraging and facilitating vaccination.

Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs – Lee Gordon reported that OCSHCN continues to provide services in-person or via telehealth at all 11 clinics throughout the state. The Family to Family Health Information Center in Owensboro continues to connect families to resources and has been very busy this past year.

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation – Becky Cabe reported that OVR counselors are back in the office. Any individual who is wanting to work with their counselor is able to do so in-person or virtually.

- 10) Election of New CAC member All Members

The CAC Nominating committee nominated Amanda Vance, a family member of an individual with a disability, to the Consumer Advisory Council. Amanda Vance was elected to the Consumer Advisory Council.

- 11) Election of New CAC Vice-Chair, Chair and Setting of 2022 Meeting Dates All Members

Joe Cowan, the current Vice-Chair, became the Chair of the CAC in 2022. Skylar nominated herself as Vice-Chair. Walt made a motion to elect Skylar as the Vice-Chair and Cathy seconded. Skylar Koehler was elected as Vice-Chair for 2022. Members thanked Morgan for her leadership as Chair of the CAC. The 2022 CAC meeting dates are March 7, June 6, September 12, and December 5.

- 12) New Business and Announcements Morgan Crawford

There was no new business or announcements.

Morgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Skylar seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

NEXT CAC MEETING: Monday March 7, 2022 at 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM