

HDI Consumer Advisory Council
Online meeting in Zoom
Monday September 12, 2022 10:30AM – 1:30PM

In attendance today... CAC Members

Meghan Ackerman
Vivian Lasley
Cathy Lerza
Joe Cowan
Julie Pfeiffer
Sherece Cole
Walt Bower
Shiyla Cruz
Camille Collins
Skylar Koehler

Presenters: Patti Singleton, Nicholas Wright, Caroline Gooden, Stephanie Meredith, Erin Fitzgerald

1) Welcome & Introductions Joe Cowan

Joe Cowan opened the meeting. All members introduced themselves.

2) Review and Approval of June minutes Joe Cowan

Joe asked for members to review the June minutes. Cathy made a motion to approve the minutes, and Meghan seconded.

3) AUCD update – Council on Leadership in Sherece Cole
Advocacy (COLA)

Sherece Cole was unable to attend the most recent COLA meeting. Walt Bower provided a short overview of COLA. The purpose of COLA is to enhance the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) by fostering current and new leaders with lived experience of disability, including their family members, to promote leadership in their programs and communities. This year's AUCD annual conference will be held in Washington, D.C. Sunday, November 13 to Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

- 4) HDI Online Learning Center Update Patti Singleton
-Input and feedback from CAC members

Patti Singleton provided an update on the HDI Online Learning Center. HDI's Online Learning Center was launched in 2018 as a single site for HDI's online coursework. As of September 2022, the course catalog includes nearly 300 online courses. The Online Learning Center promotes accessible online learning by being (1) compliant with Section 508, (2) implementing universal design for learning principles, and (3) ensuring access across devices and browsers. Reflection questions and graded quizzes are embedded in the courses to determine knowledge acquisition. Camille asked a question about how to view specific coursework. Patti showed how individuals and/or groups can register for courses. Upcoming projects include the universal design professional certificate program and an inclusive martial arts course.

- 5) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) update Nicholas Wright
-Input and feedback from CAC members

Dr. Nicholas Wright introduced himself as the Director of DEI at HDI and provided an update on DEI projects. Dr. Wright's focus is on the identities that HDI staff hold to ensure various perspectives are always represented. HDI now has a monthly Diversity Discussion that is held the third Friday of the month. The purpose of the Diversity Discussion is to create a place where ideas surrounding DEI can be cultivated and challenged. The August discussion centered on performing an identity inventory. The September discussion will focus on developing a sense of belonging at HDI. HDI also has a DEI committee that consists of approximately thirty individuals. One purpose of the DEI committee is to study matters related to staff recruitment, development, and retention as it relates to inclusion of diverse populations. Shiyla requested Dr. Wright's contact information, which he provided to the group.

- 6) COVID-19 Vaccine Information and Dissemination Stephanie Meredith
SuperHub for the Southeast Region Caroline Gooden
-Input and feedback from CAC members

Stephanie and Caroline provided an update on the COVID-19 Vaccine Information and Dissemination SuperHub for the Southeast Region. The purpose of the SuperHub is to raise vaccine confidence among people with disabilities in the Southeast and to help overcome vaccine hesitancy barriers. The SuperHub also collaborates with regional partners to reduce structural barriers when developing

resources and including perspectives from individuals with disabilities in ongoing emergency preparedness and public health efforts. Two main goals of this project were to establish trusted sources of information and develop plain language resources.

Stephanie presented the Southeast Regional Hub Directory resource webpage. Training materials developed include a motivational interviewing module and a local trusted champion training course. Trusted champions participated in a summer kick-off event and ensured that vaccine sites were accessible. Resources developed by the SuperHub included plain language fact sheets and back to school safety tip videos.

- 7) KY Supported Higher Education Project Erin Fitzgerald
-Input and feedback from CAC members

Erin introduced the KY Supported Higher Education Project. The KY Supported Higher Education Partnership (KSHEP), the statewide partnership for inclusive higher education, is a network of colleges and universities committed to increasing higher education options, access, and success for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities across the Commonwealth. More specifically, the Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary (CTP) program supports students with intellectual disabilities who want to attend college or university and helps students explore subjects of interest and possible career options. Four KY schools have a CTP program: Northern Kentucky University, Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Murray State, and UK.

UK's CTP program is the College and Career Studies program. Key elements of the CTP program are person centered planning and supported decision-making, collaboration with university partners, providing a liberal arts education, and providing an inclusive college experience. The CTP program is a non-degree program with varied courses of study. The program typically takes two years to complete with 6-7 credit hours taken per semester. By the end of the program, students gain ideas and plans for the future, experiences related to college and possible careers, and develop tools for next steps. Joe asked about course transferability to other universities. Walt asked about requirements for applying to the program.

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

Division of Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities –

Cathy Lerza reported that Kentucky has a total of six waivers (<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dca/Pages/default.aspx>), which get approved by the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) for a period of five years. DMS has responded to the public comment regarding renewal of the Supports for Community Living waiver: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dca/Documents/SCLPublicCommentResponse.pdf>

Kentucky has two Medicaid waivers for Acquired Brain Injury, ABI and ABI-LTC. Information about the ABI waiver renewal can be found at: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/ProviderLetters/ABITherapiesProviders.pdf> (Information for Providers) <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dca/Documents/ABITherapiesParticipants.pdf> (Information for Participants).

It is currently the public comment period for the ABI-LTC waiver, see links below for more information.

<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dca/Documents/ABILTCApplicationforPublicComment.pdf> (Renewal Application)
<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dca/Documents/ABILTCApplicationSummary.pdf> (Summary of Updates)
<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dca/Documents/ABILTCPublicCommentNotice.pdf> (Public notice of public comment)

DMS will start working on renewal of the Michelle P waiver after submitting the ABI-LTC waiver.

9) New Business and Announcements

Joe Cowan

Walt announced an upcoming HDI Seminar on Friday, October 28 at 1:00pm EST that will discuss data-driven decision making. Walt also announced an HDI Seminar will occur on Friday, November 18 at 1:00pm EST and will discuss disability and stress. Walt shared the HDI website with the CAC members and showed how to register for the seminars via HDI's website.

Shiyla made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Skylar seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

NEXT CAC MEETING: Monday, December 5, 2022 at 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM