

**Center for Development and Disability  
Consumer Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

*2:00 - 4:00pm, January 7, 2004*



**Participants:** Lee Bussolini, Randy Costales, Karin Fulford, Judy Greenfeld, Johanne Guyton, Tony Husted, Judy Liddell, Marilyn Martinez, Cate McClain, Ileen Marquez, Pat Osborn, Jon Peterson, Carolyn Richardson, Elisa Sánchez-Wilkinson, Jack Smith, Melody Smith

**Topic:**

1. **Welcome:** CDD Director, Cate McClain welcomed CAB members to the meeting and shared the following CDD up-dates:
  - 4th floor expansion, meaning the entire building will be the CDD
  - The CDD will soon be hiring a Development Officer to help establish ways for the community to contribute to the work of the CDD
  - Continue to work at building financial support and stability
  
2. **What's Something Important That Has Happened in Your Life Since We Last Met?** Each participant shared important personal and professional happenings.
  
3. **What Will Happen at This Meeting** Elisa Sánchez-Wilkinson reviewed the agenda as well as items in each CAB member's folder (1/7/04 agenda, Strategic Plan for the CDD, New Mexico Indian Children's Program brochure, "Seeking Graphic Image" handout, "Making Sense of Boards and Committees" handout, CDD annual report)
  
4. **How CDD's Neurodevelopmental Division is Supporting People with Disabilities and Families** Ileen Marquez, from the NM Indian Children's Program (ICP), presented information on how the Neurodevelopmental Division is supporting... (see attached). Presentation highlights and comments are as follows:

**Ileen -**

  - The Indian Children's Program is a federally funded program providing statewide services to Native American children ages 0 to 18.
  - ICP provides community based, culturally competent and bilingual training, research, and specialized expertise with a train the trainer approach.
  - The Fathers project is a recently awarded 3 year grant providing technical training assistance and development to implement Head Start programs on 4 pueblo locations. These Head Start programs will focus on using traditionally native games and stories to foster early education.

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CAB members gave the following feedback:

**Randy** - Do you work with Dr. Cody on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome [FAS] issues?

**Ileen** - Yes.

**Randy** - I know that what you are doing is a challenge. The Arc can maybe partner with ICP to provide information and training on FAS and legal issues.

**Ileen** - That would be wonderful.

**Jack** - Are you working with Alamo?

**Ileen** - Yes.

### **5. Spreading the Word About CDD**

CAB members provided the following input regarding CDD outreach:

#### ➤ **Ideas for CDD Exposure:**

- UNM Alumni Association, for exposure and fund raising
- Billboards, like those used by DOH, giving CDD contact and services information
- Anderson School of Management, course project to help develop CDD exposure and find corporate sponsorship
- Website address on CDD vans including other contact information, e.g. main phone number, Information Center 1-800 number, location/address
- Word of mouth (tell a friend, college, client, family members)
- Take CDD information packets/brochures when traveling around the state

#### ➤ **Other Services CDD could offer:**

- Computer classes/labs with adaptive equipment
- Promote services offered at LINC

#### ➤ **Ideas/Suggestions of Populations that Need Information:**

- Native Americans
- Communities in rural areas - Advertising in rural newspapers
- School nurses
- Geriatric Issues facing people with disabilities
- Children with mental illness
- Transition counselors
- People without computers

#### ➤ **Ideas for Partnering with Other Organizations:**

- Meet with other organizations and providers to review areas where services are not offered by either organization
- Offer/provide more training to people who work with developmentally disabled children
- Work with organizations to promote more services to children with mental illness

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### 6. CDD Award Celebration

Due to the many contributions and hard work of the Center for Development and Disability Consumer Advisory Board, the CDD was awarded a plaque from the Association of University Centers on Disabilities. This award was given to the CDD, "For their Outstanding Commitment to their Vision of Partnering with People with Disabilities and their Families". The CDD recognizes that it is the dedication and service of the CAB members that made this award possible. We appreciate and value your ideas and input.

### 7. Feedback About Today's Meeting

CAB members shared the following feedback regarding the meeting:

**Judy G.** - Good input, good meeting.

**Jon** - Food is always a good thing.

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