

Center for Development and Disability Consumer Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

1:00 - 4:00pm, June 2, 2004



Participants: Christy Barden, Cindy Gillen, Jeffrey Griffith, Karin Fulford, Teresa Gutierrez, Tony Husted, Judy Liddell, Marilyn Martinez, Cate McClain, Pat Osborn, Mette Pedersen, Jon Peterson, Carolyn Richardson, José Rodriguez, Melody Smith, Larry Strickland, Ivie Vigil

Topic

1. **Welcome:** CDD Director, Cate McClain welcomed new and returning CAB members to the meeting and shared the following CDD up-dates:
 - Welcomed 3 new CAB members, Cindy Gillen, Jeffrey Griffith, Ivie Vigil, and new CDD Development Officer, Larry Strickland, to the group
 - Recent \$25,000 gift from the Red Rock Foundation to the CDD disability focused library, the Library and Information Network for the Community (LINC)
 - Needing CAB member advocacy to address financial crisis for Medically Fragile Case Management Program
2. **What's Something Important That Has Happened in Your Life Since We Last Met?** Each meeting participant introduced themselves and shared important personal and professional happenings.
3. **What Will Happen at This Meeting:** Judy Liddell reviewed agenda items. (See enclosed agenda)
4. **CAB Advocacy for Medically Fragile Case Management Program:** Cate McClain explained the tenuous situation and urgent need to advocate for the CDD Medically Fragile Case Management Program. A drafted letter, addressed to Governor Richardson, was passed out for CAB member review, input and signature. (See enclosed letter) A lengthy discussion took place and is highlighted by the following:
 - The CDD Medically Fragile Case Management Program is the only one of its kind to provide Medically Fragile Waiver family services, support and information, including 9 rural areas of New Mexico.
 - State government attention has been sought, but no solutions proposed. State support is needed immediately to address the mandated existence of these services.
 - New Mexico has not raised operational reimbursement rates to meet increasing cost of travel, supplies/equipment, health care and education affecting program sustainability.

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- The program is currently operating in deficit between \$60,000 and \$80,000 and is in jeopardy of ending.
- The CDD can no longer supplement these operational cost at the expense of other programs.
- CDD has provided several options and opportunities for consideration; the state has been unresponsive.
- CAB members suggested involving Municipalities, Community Members, State Officials, Parents and Families to advocate for Medically Fragile Case Management services and express their concerns and the impact on families.
- Cab members suggested using stronger language in the letter and including pictures.
- Other suggestions were to disclose budget and operational cost/percentages, state impact numbers, solicitation of private funds, and present efforts made to utilize other funding sources.

5. Child Care Policy Recommendations for Children with Disabilities:

Mette Pedersen, Early Childhood and Specialized Personnel Development Division Director, solicited input into recommendations for inclusive child care on behalf of CYFD. (See enclosed handout packet) Below are highlights from Mette's presentation and the on-going discussion:

- "Quality Child Care for All", the statewide task force developing recommendations for inclusive child care, focuses on inclusion of ALL children in child care settings, both home and center based, from ages birth to 5 (or older in the future), and comprehensive training to ensure quality child care practices.
- Representatives from several consistencies, including advocacy groups, child care industry, state agencies, and families participated in development of recommendations.
- Ivie Vigil, of DDPC and a CAB member, was a participant and shared in presenting preliminary recommendations.
- Specific input was sought on the proposed levels of care with general input requested to help guide the final recommendations as a whole.

CAB members gave the following feedback:

- More clarification is needed when referring to "specialized diet" in the documentation.
- Providing the "enhanced rate" only to those providers with licensure and who meet regulations leaves out a good number of very qualified and experienced caregivers. These regulations also make it difficult to develop a career in the field.
- The spirit of inclusion needs to be strengthened and a philosophical principle that underpins all environments for children.

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6. Activity to Provide Help to the New CDD Development Officer:

Larry Strickland, CDD's new Development Officer, discussed marketing methods and successes that could help financially stabilize the CDD. He asked CAB members for their "Friend Raising" ideas and for potential contacts of people that share and support the concerns and efforts of the CDD. Larry asked the group to think about these contact categories:

- Time/Energy
- Donations
- Ideas
- Introductions
- Support
- Cares/Passion
- Able to Fund
- Influence

CAB Members offered some contacts and ideas

7. Feedback About Today's Meeting

CAB members shared the following feedback regarding the meeting:

- Good Information
- Good Speakers
- Appreciated Tony Husted's input, experience and continuing participation with CAB
- Liked continuous meeting flow

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