

**CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT & DISABILITY  
CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES  
June 20, 2014 – 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

In attendance were:

**Participants:** CAB Members: Linda Gachupin, Self Advocate; Jeff Griffith, Self-Advocate, Community Member; Lily Martinez, Disability Rights of NM, Iris Clevenger DOD/ DDSD; Michelle Simpson, Family Member; Lisa Rossignol, Family member

**CDD CAB Members:** Tanya Baker-McCue, CDD Division Director; Christina Barden, CDD Division Director; Tony Cahill, CDD Division Director; Lynn Griffin CDD/Family Member; Catherine McClain, CDD Director; Patricia Osbourn, CDD Deputy Director; Dan Wenz, CDD IT Manager; Sandy Heimerl, CDD Division Director, Drusilla Soherr-Hadwiger, CDD Administrator

1. **Welcome:** Each member introduced themselves. Tanya Baker-McCue reviewed the agenda.
  
2. **Transition of CDD Executive Director:** There was discussion on Cate McClain's retirement and the transition to the new Director, Marcia Moriarta. Cate announced she would continue working as a twenty-five percent working retiree. Her duties would be confined to:
  - CDD's Medical Director to help recruit a full time Medical Director in multiple backgrounds of disabilities.
  - Help with the CDD's national accreditation process for June of 2015.
  - Continue to work with the India Program.
  - Work on the Medicaid match for programs. Cate states that the center is in a good place and is confident in the program directions. The timing is good.

Cate will be taking the month of July off. Her work will begin in August. When Cate began at CDD there was a staff of 30. Currently there are 220-230 staff, 16 faculty members.

Marcia Moriarta's professional work history was shared. A hand-out of her biography was provided to all members. She is a clinical psychologist. She currently holds the Division Director position with ECEP. She was appointed to this new position as CDD Director; there was no search for her position. She will be leaving the position with ECEP, however her position has not been posted as yet. They will be looking for someone with an Early Childhood background. Marcia would have been formally introduced at this meeting, but her flight back from an AUCD leadership training was delayed.

When Cate began her career at CDD there was an operating budget of 3.5 million. It has dramatically increased over the years to 18 – 18.5 million. New programs that have been established are employment projects and the development disabilities SIS (Supports Intensity Scale) assessment; an evaluation to help determine the needs of individuals with disabilities on the DD Waiver.

Cate discussed the visit from the national AUCD director, Andy Imparata. He is new in his position approximately one year. He was invited to NM to hear the issues relative to NM. He was here for a one and a half day visit. His highlight was hearing from the constituents of the CAB. He appreciated hearing the consumer's voice. He was impressed with the work of our center.

His biography was shared. He has a law degree. He worked with Chief of Staff, Senator Harkins, a disability advocate. He was a LEND fellow where at the end of the year he did a research presentation. He is open about his mental health background.

It was shared that he is very approachable, responds quickly to messaging. He has a Facebook page that share stories of individuals with disabilities from around the country.

### **3) Division Director Updates:**

- a. Dan Wenz: His department is improving the efficiency of our networks storage. Technology was installed in room 109, air media. It has connected all devices wirelessly. Data collection is being redesigned to make it more efficient. Clinical medical information at UNM via PDF/Adobe is now more accessible on website.
- b. Sandy Heimerl: LEND: Working with Utah to develop curriculum for interdisciplinary trainees. A new interview process was a collaborative effort to support parent and to foster skills. Priorities for families are to provide them with resources and information and to increase home visits from 2 to 5. Coaching from parent to students will help foster student skills. Currently recruiting family members. LEND has partnered with Tanya's Employment projects to recruit new members. Lisa Rossignol participated as a family member several years ago. She noted how it impacted her life. Clinical evaluations continue.
- c. Tony Cahill: Preparation for the SW Disability Conference. Dates are October 8,9,10. It will be held at the Hotel Albuquerque again this year. There will be a reception at the Museum of Natural History also where there will be a poster session. There are three themes this year
  - Social Justice
  - Transition
  - Brain Injury – Quality of Life: This a collaborative effort with the NM Brain Injury Institute

The Governors Commission on Disability will be doing a technology presentation. Tanya's Employment projects seminars are scheduled for Friday. They will be doing a Career Expo.

There will be a Sib Shop this year that supports siblings of those with disabilities presented by Don Meyer. Wednesday there will be three presentations. Thursday there will be a practice Sib Shop, which can be signed up for. It can accommodate up to 45 – 50 participants. The goal of this project is to highlight the need to provide support for siblings of the disabled. The ARC has contributed \$500.00 towards the project. They will be contacting John Block from DDPC to see if they will contribute also. Research has been done with what seems to be a positive impact.

Tony's program will begin the SIS assessment (Supports Intensity Scale) for the DD Waiver beginning July 1. They are both confident and apprehensive. They will be hiring a Program Manager who will also do assessing and one additional assessor to make a total of 6. The assessors will be doing two assessments daily, some evening and weekends may be available.

- d. Pat Osborn: First week of camp for autism completed and went great. There were 65 campers each paired with typically developing peers.

They are holding a Summer Institute with 250 teachers attending working with evidence based practices.

New initiatives are the Challenging Behavior Clinic (will be a planning year), and Continuum of Services. They are scheduling extra clinics; hiring 1 -2 Clinical Psychologists and 1 Social Worker. Dan will be working with them on their website initiative for a portal.

- e. Tanya Baker McCue: Employment projects continue to grow. Addressing unmet transition needs through Project SEARCH. Received additional funding from DVR to grow projects statewide. Twelve interns will begin internships in August at UNMH. UNM Anderson is partnering in job coaching and development training. Family night scheduled for this week. LEAN training on business efficiency took place last week.

Pam Stafford will do an orientation on a research project next meeting on attitudes and knowledge training.

- f. Christy Barden: Christy announced that the Medically Fragile Waiver has been carved out of Centennial Care. The transition to Medicaid for Centennial Care went well with DOH and Managed Care Organizations (MCO). There will be a waiver rewrite in 2015. The FAB (Family Advisory Board) will help with the rewrite. Julie Weinburg invited a FAB

member to the Centennial Care Advisory Board. Operations Manager has left the Medically Fragile program.

- g.** Drusilla Soherr-Hadwiger: Dru states she is on a learning curve. She is currently working with practice management and the UNM Medical Group.

**Adjourn-Next meeting:**

**Agenda item: Finish reviewing goals 4 & 5 of the 5 yr. goals & objectives for the CDD for ADD**