

CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT & DISABILITY CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2015 11:00AM-2:00

Attendees:

CAB Community Members: Cynthia Berkheimer, Self Advocate; Shane Bower, Self Advocate; Randy Costales, ARC of New Mexico; Jeff Griffith, Self-Advocate; Iris Clevenger, DDS; Ana Segura-Callahan, DDPC; Marilyn Martinez, Self-Advocate and CAB Co-Chair; Jon Peterson, Self Advocate; Lisa Rossignol, Family Member and special guests of Christina Barden from the Medically Fragile Advisory Board

CDD CAB Members: Marcia Moriarta, Psy.D., CDD Director and ECHSF Division Director; Pat Osbourn, CDD Deputy Director and AODD Division Director; Tanya Baker-McCue, FCPD Division Director and CAB Co-Chair; Sophie Bertrand, ECLN Division Director; Christina Barden, MF Division Director; Tony Cahill, DHP Division Director; Dan Wenz, CDDTS Division Director; Rhonda Bofman; FCPD Operations Manager/Facilitator/Recorder.

Welcome and Introductions

- Some new faces: Anna Callahan-Segura, Lisa Storti, Dinah Padilla-Harvey and Christy Barden's guests: Medically Fragile advisory board (Family Advisory Board/FAB) Cynthia Chavez, Lori Steward, Carolyn Riggs and Lourdes Vizcarra
- Don't be afraid to share if unsure what acronyms represent

Overview of the 2015 Legislative Session

- Marilyn has been working on eliminating the "marriage penalty" since 2011 and it passed unanimously!
 - If choosing to marry, some individuals were losing their Social Security benefits
- Randy Costales: lots of issues currently being discussed so not a whole lot else happened legislative-wise
- Tony Cahill: house memorial pass for healthcare transition services for kids
- Able Act: allows families to save more money than Social Security currently allows; up to \$100,000 for persons with disabilities

The 2015 Southwest Conference on Disability and the Native American Summit on TBI

- The Conference will be held this year from October 6-9 at the Albuquerque Convention Center instead of the usual Hotel Albuquerque
 - Hotel ABQ has some accessibility problems
 - The convention center is undergoing remodeling that will make it updated and accessible
 - Conference theme is mixture of ADA turning 25 years old and “Disability Rights are Civilian Rights”
 - LEND alumni, faculty and family will be on Wednesday of conference
- NM Brain Injury Symposium on Tuesday, May 6th at the Embassy Suites
 - Native American Initiative for awareness and screenings of TBI
 - 2nd Summit for best practices, prevention and screening

The CDD Medically Fragile Case Management Program: Family Advisory Board (FAB)

- Members are primarily parents of children on the MF waiver
- Christy Barden: FAB does webinars for nurses, families mentoring other families and working to get access for children who are medically fragile
 - Developed a form to help families with transitioning between different services; analyzes child’s needs and prepares for new setting

CDD’s Changing Infrastructure

- Marcia: In terms of direct influence on CAB, nothing on the outside will really change, the same processes should remain
 - Job of CDD CAB members is not just to report to the rest of the members about what is going on, we want to make it a beneficial collaboration and focus on “what works”
- Because of all the changes at UNMHSC there have been changes here at CDD too
 - More widespread direct services
 - Medical Group developed as a separate branch for outpatient services (which requires new admin responsibilities of course)
- Establishing new executive roles at the CDD, particularly Dan Wenz and Pat Osbourn
- Consolidating clinical services under one umbrella so that there’s not 8 different clinical procedures; collectively it will be known as “CDD Clinical Services”
- We’ll most likely be changing the reception area so that West building reception is strictly clinical and East building is for guests coming for trainings and CDD employees

- We're seeing this growth meanwhile other organizations are not because we do receive some federal and state money for direct services in clinical and prevention, also outside organization come to us for help with projects
- Tanya: it might be helpful to create an organizational chart about what programs are where and the services they provide

CDD SIS Program Update

- Tony: July 1st, 2014 we took over Supports Intensity Scale
 - Will be resuming assessments, Health Department asked to take on scheduling too
 - The problem was how SIS was being implemented in NM
 - DDS working to address how educated assessor about the DD waiver, provider agencies, info from self-advocates; they need to ask individuals valid questions to really evaluate what they need

Other Projects

- Sophie Bertrand: Pre-K funds change discrimination standards (before they only let kids with severe speech delay receive services); looking at early intervention services to learn techniques, etc.
- Tony Cahill: division becoming more involved in intraprofessional health care (partnering with college of nursing and dental organizations to provide oral care)
 - Barbara Ibanez leaving to become Deputy Director of the DDPC
- Dan Wenz: accreditation for ambulatory health services, need to meet safety standards to comply
 - New digital display board of events on first floor of West building, also available online
 - Changing courtyard signs to have them match what is actually located here
- Pat Osbourn: overseeing HR process
 - Receiving money to plan for behavior clinic statewide (consultation, recommendations to intensive services), also trying to partner with psychiatrists to help those who are left out of the community (jobs, schools, etc.)
 - Camp Rising Sun (camp for children with autism) will be having some guests from Russia to learn how to set up a similar camp back in their country
 - Medicaid services for ABA, need more professionals
 - Funds for a transition retreat/fair is currently in the works

- Tanya Baker-McCue: Project SEARCH update is that 7 out of the 10 participants have been offered part- and full-time jobs right out of the program!
 - Will be expanding to new places (Gallup and Rio Rancho); UNMH has accepted 12 new students and we already have a waiting list
 - Working with Anderson School of Management to have job fair about employment law; open to families, providers and potential employees
 - May create family networks to raise expectations for jobs, want to provide education and support for young adults with developmental disabilities
 - Assistive Technology Fair very successful, would like to do at SW Conference as well
 - ***Shane Bower would like to participate with Assistive Technology!***
 - The library technology is available for anyone to come use and learn about
 - Mi Via focusing on DD and MF, now have over 200 participants!
- Christy Barden: if anyone hears anything about MF waiver, let me know so I can help with any false rumors
- Lisa Rossignol: can we develop tip sheets on the MF waiver in InfoNet to access online?

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00PM.