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**Consumer Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 23rd, 2010
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Health Science Center Room 106
DDN Connections – Pierre, Aberdeen**

Present: Valorie Ahrendt, Travis Arneson and Edith, Deanne Curran, Brenda Frevik, Joyce Parry, Arlene Poncelet, Heather Stettinichs, Judy Struck

Center for Disabilities staff: Deb Bahnson, Shelly Grinde, Roland Ellis, Sheri Gunderson, Michelle Speckels

DDN connection in Pierre: Susan Sheppick, Carroll Forsch

DDN connection in Aberdeen: Christie Johnson

1. Welcome, introductions and overview of agenda
All people present introduced themselves and the area they represent.
Judy reviewed the agenda and what the outcomes of the meeting are intended to be.
2. Discussion on Updates Sent Prior to Meeting
A brief discussion took place on the updates that had been sent to CAC members prior to the meeting. Members indicated that the updates are helpful and that they would like to continue receiving them.
3. Overview of Academic Training Area
Roland presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Center's Academic Training Program. A copy of the PowerPoint and student composite pictures is included with these minutes.
4. Guidelines for the next 5 year proposal were discussed. Judy reviewed a PowerPoint indicating the various areas that we need to focus on for the next 5 year grant application. This application will probably be due in March or April of 2012. The following schedule is what we'll follow in order to cover everything that we need to address in planning for this application: Areas of emphasis – Fall 2010; Mission & Values updates, Core area of dissemination – Spring 2011; Core area of evaluation & research – Fall 2011. She indicated that CAC input and ideas need to play a large role in what the grant should include. The nine areas of emphasis were reviewed as well as activities that the Center for Disabilities staff thought may need to be addressed under each area. The CAC members then added additional suggestions to the Areas of Emphasis. A copy of this list is included with these minutes.

5. ADD's Envisioning the Future

The new Commissioner of ADD (Sharon Lewis) will be hosting a series of summits around the country. She hopes to hear from people regarding their priorities for a strategic plan that ADD will develop. CAC members wrote their thoughts on stickies and then placed them on the appropriate age category on sheets hanging up. Judy will compile these and share with the SD DD Network to see if we might want to send a unified letter from South Dakota to ADD. This list is included.

6. Follow-up Discussion from May Meeting

It was decided that the Recreation Sub-Committee no longer needs to exist as a specific function of the CAC.

7. Open Forum

Discussion started with Susan Sheppick asking about the CHARGE syndrome training that was recently held at the Center for Disabilities. CHARGE stands for C-Coloboma – H-Heart defects – A-Artresia of the chonanae – R-Retardation of growth and/or development – G-Genital and/or urinary defects – E-Ear anomalies and/or deafness. The training was well attended and seemed to be very well received.

Brenda Frevik inquired as to why the Autism Clinic rate has decreased. She stated that she was informed that if you were referred by a school district that the cost was \$1000.00, but if you were referred by a physician the cost was \$2500.00. Judy clarified that the information she had received was not correct and that she would make sure staff was conveying the correct information to persons inquiring about the clinic. Judy stated that prior to July 1st of this year that the cost was as stated above. But, after July 1st the cost is \$1000.00 regardless of who you are referred by. This is due to federal dollars supporting the clinic.

Disability Awareness Tool Kits were put together by the CD staff and sent out to over 365 principals throughout the state at the public school level. Approximately 65 of them asked for more kits to be sent. The kits target grades K-3 and will be a valuable tool for disability awareness within the school system.

Next Meeting: Judy will send some dates for the next meeting which will be either in April or May 2011.