



**SANFORD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

The University of South Dakota  
**CENTER FOR DISABILITIES**

A University Center for Excellence in Developmental  
Disabilities Education, Research and Service

**Center for Disabilities  
Consumer Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2008  
Sanford School of Medicine  
Sioux Falls, SD**

CAC Members present: Val Ahrendt (designee for Robert Kean), Becky Cain, Brenda Frevik, Beth Henrichsen, Arlene Poncelet, Joyce Parry, Elaine Roberts, Thomas Scheinost, Brenda Smith, Derek Smith, Heather Stettinichs, Judy Struck, Joanne Van Osdel (designee for Cheryl Medearis), and Joey Younie.

CAC Members not present: Travis Arneson, Julie Bleeker, Roger and Lisa Bowie, Keith Bundy, Jeff and Jane Buse, Burdette Clifford, Deanne Curran, Trish Dorn, Lori Douville, Doug and Denise Finnell, Carroll Forsch, Scott Gutzler, Dawn Hahn, Nicole Haneke, Barb Hemmelman, Page Hudson, Julie Kopp, Bernie Long, Alica Nelson, David Scott, and Kelly Strait.

Center for Disabilities Staff: Kristen Blaschke, Pat Doohen, Roland Ellis, Ernetta Fox, and Shelly Grinde.

- I. Welcome and introductions – Joey Younie, CAC Coordinator
  - A. Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. with a welcome from Joey.
  - B. Introductions by CAC members and Center for Disabilities staff.
  
- II. Data Overview Questions – Kristen Blaschke, Director of Development
  - A. FY 08-12 Core Grant Objectives/Outcomes/Indicators material mailed to committee members before meeting.
  - B. Data will be looked at quarterly and reviewed with CAC every 6 months.
  - C. New process that puts data in a more objective format and enables staff to see progress as go through the year.
  - D. There was discussion on the terms used in data reporting: frontier, rural and urban.
    - i. Most South Dakota counties considered frontier depending on population.
    - ii. Frontier is an accepted category at the federal level and helps to distinguish from areas with more population, can report diversity and medically underserved areas in this category also.
  - E. Discussion on whether this format helpful to CAC members: format helpful, highlighting helpful, easy to understand, helpful to be able to track where progress made, and members liked getting it in advance of the meeting.
  
- III. Universal Design Presentation by Ernetta Fox
  - A. Ernetta presented a global approach to how various things we encounter

- daily can be designed to help or hinder people with disabilities.
- B. Seven areas: equitable use, flexibility in use, simple and intuitive use, perceptible information, tolerance for error, low physical effort, and size and space.
  - C. Hands on activity: people at meeting were asked to try to redesign items so the design would distinguish one item from another similar item. Everyone saw how difficult this process could be.
- IV. Core Area Overview Questions – Judy Struck
- A. This information was also mailed to members in advance of the meeting and Judy went through the Overview.
  - B. Members felt it was helpful to receive this and be able to see where progress is being made or not made.
  - C. Questions from CAC members on loss of staff and whether Sanford money could be helpful to Center for Disabilities. Questions answered indicating funding for grants that caused loss of staff and discussions at Sanford Health that are in very early stage.
  - D. Kristen provided information on new projects that include the Book Club that is expanding to include safety classes and field trips for supper to work on money and making wise choices. There is a PLANS curriculum for this which is being used.
  - E. Discussion on difficulty getting evaluation follow-up forms returned. Electronic follow-up tried but there were some problems with web site.
  - F. Judy highlighted the following from the Overview: Autism classes with School of Education, classes in Mission, Interdisciplinary training event held recently in Vermillion, and College of Direct Support continuing to be a strong area.
  - G. Judy provided information on feedback provided by AUCD on annual report submitted in July. Judy indicated antidotal information was beneficial, they were interested in our relationship with Augustana and Business Leadership Network, and why there was not consumer satisfaction reports on our products.
  - H. Judy reported on the October 6-7 Technical Assistance site visit by AUCD. Judy felt that the visit was beneficial and helpful information was provided that we might be able to incorporate into our programs. A report will be sent in a couple of weeks.
- V. Product Discussion – Heather Stettichs
- A. Heather provided information on the Wyoming UCEDD that she has been in contact with and they would like to collaborate with us.
  - B. The Wyoming UCEDD requested as the first part of this collaboration that feedback be given by our CAC on color books they have created and also on their web sites.
  - C. The group was divided into two groups to discuss this feedback and the ideas expressed by the group will be forwarded to the Wyoming UCEDD.

- VI. Wrap-up of meeting – Joey Younie
- A. Brenda Smith indicated that she had note cards created from an art show at the Dare to Dream Conference that were available for a donation to help fund the Date to Dream Conference.
  - B. Joey indicated the CAC would continue to meet twice a year with e-mail updates between meetings.
  - C. Joey requested everyone complete an evaluation form and indicate whether the afternoon time for the meetings was something everyone liked.
  - D. CAC members were encouraged to complete a survey form included in their folder as well as paperwork if they needed to be reimbursed for expenses.
  - E. Joey indicated the next meeting would be in April 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.