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CENTER FOR DISABILITIES

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

**Consumer Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 20, 2010
Health Science Center, Room 106
DDN connections – Pierre, Rapid City, Flandreau**

Present: Valorie Ahrendt, Travis Arneson and Assistant Amanda, Rebecca Cain, Brenda Frevik, Dawn Hahn, Joyce Parry, Arlene Poncelet, Elaine Roberts, Derek Smith, Merlin Smith, Heather Stettinichs, Kelly Strait and Assistant Monique, Judy Struck, and Joanne Van Osdel.

DDN connection in Pierre: Pauline Erbele, Carroll Forsch, Tom Scheinost, Susan Sheppick

DDN connection in Flandreau – Deanne Curran

DDN connection in Rapid City – Chuck Henrie

Center for Disabilities staff: Jill Amdahl, Pat Doochen, Roland Ellis, Shelly Grinde

1. Welcome, introductions and overview of agenda

All people present introduced themselves and the area they represent.

2. Discussion on Updates Sent Prior to Meeting

Judy Struck e-mailed updates to all CAC members before this meeting. She asked for feedback as to whether they liked getting the updates before the meeting. Members indicated they appreciated receiving the updates before the meeting. Some comments from CAC members on the updates included Brenda Frevik who expressed concern that the Pine Ridge clinic had been closed. Shelly Grinde indicated that the grant funding was not continued and there was not local support for funding to sustain the clinic, but they are hopeful that something could be reopened in the future for a Pine Ridge clinic.

3. Planning Ahead

Judy indicated that we will be starting year 4 of the current 5 year cycle of core grant funding starting July 1st. Past experience has shown that it is helpful to begin the process of preparing the grant application for the next 5 year cycle in the 4th year in order to seek as much input as possible into the development of the proposal. Judy presented a powerpoint indicating the various areas where we will need to focus the grant application on due to specific requirements through the DD Act (the power point of this information is included). Judy also indicated that the CAC members will have a large role to play by helping to provide input into what the grant should include. Some

suggestions at this time from CAC members on what might be included in the grant include transportation issues, ways to collaborate with Sanford Health, the suggestion to provide more direct services for families who need them, and help to identify what some of these needs are. Other issues that were mentioned included whether the Center could have any influence regarding the installation of security camera on city buses as well as behavior issues with people who participate in Toast Masters.

The fall meeting will be a face-to-face meeting in Sioux Falls and this topic will be discussed at that meeting. Judy encouraged the members to review the information on the power point prior to this meeting.

4. **40th Anniversary**

Judy and Heather indicated that the Center started in 1971 and thus next year will be the Center's 40th anniversary. The Center staff will begin planning an event to recognize this anniversary. They are thinking of an event that is geared toward families and maybe a summer event. Heather requested any suggestions or ideas from the CAC members on how to recognize this anniversary. Anyone wanting to volunteer to be on the planning committee should let Judy or Heather know. Joyce Parry volunteered to be on the planning committee. Arlene Poncelet made the suggestion that we may want to consider scheduling this event in collaboration with the anniversary of the ADA celebration that will be held in the summer of 2011. Since it is difficult to find a date when other events are not also being held, this will be considered.

5. **Break**

6. **Web Site Survey Requirement**

It is a new requirement of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities that the Center for Disabilities needs to survey at least 50 people on the effectiveness of our web site. Forms were distributed to collect the satisfaction information from the CAC members. Autism and Deaf Blind Advisory committees will also be surveyed. Some comments from CAC members included the difficulty in finding the Center site with the new USD web site changes.

7. **Wyoming Radio Ads**

Four radio ads from the Wyoming UCEDD's Assistive Technology program were played and CAC members were asked to discuss how effective they felt the ads were. The general comments on most of the ads were that it was difficult to figure out what they were talking about when they referred to the WATR program – an acronym for WIND Assistive Technology Resources. The third radio ad seemed to be the best one as it clearly described the need first and then linked the information to WATR. It was felt that maybe people in Wyoming understood what WATR stood for better than we did and consequently the ads would be more effective locally. There were questions from CAC members on whether we could do similar ads. Judy responded that other areas such as TIE already do this but it might be something we could look into.

8. **Follow-up Discussion from October Meeting**

Recreation Committee – this committee was formed earlier and includes Arlene Poncelet, Elaine Roberts and Becky Cain. Kristen Blaschke, former Center for Disabilities Director of Development was also on this committee. Judy wanted to touch base on this committee and what the members see as the next steps. Members of the committee indicated that they were to the point of sending out a survey to agencies and families. Judy will send the questions as Kristen had left them with the Center and the committee members will have a final chance to look at the questions before the survey is distributed. The survey could be distributed at the Dare to Dream conference. A suggestion was offered that when the results are returned, the information could be distributed through web sites to make the community aware of what is available. In addition both Derek Smith and Joyce Parry offered to participate on this committee.

Spend a day at the Center – Judy distributed a handout explaining the options for CAC members who would like to spend at day at the Center and learn more about the various programs at the Center for Disabilities. This is a program that the North Dakota UCEDD does and they have had good luck with it. Judy indicated that we would like to also try this if CAC members are interested. There are a few forms that the visitors would need to sign, including a confidentiality and a volunteer form. In addition, depending on the activity, family permission may need to be obtained prior to a CAC member's visit. CAC staff who would like to do this can contact Judy and she will get them in contact with the appropriate staff member, depending on what they want to visit.

Update from Derek Smith -- Derek informed the CAC members about the continued progress with his web-based business where he converts VHS tapes to DVD's and develops web pages. The web site for his business is www.dereksmediaservices.com.

9. **Next meeting and agenda**

Judy indicated that she would like the fall meeting to be a face to face meeting in order to have some small group discussions on the direction with our next core grant proposal. Suggestions were made as to the best possible dates with the third week of September being the time that seemed to work for most people. Judy will send out dates and ask for a response so the meeting can be scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.