

Vendor Advisory Committee
Minutes
April 26, 2005

VAC Members Present: Beth Atton, Louis Chiofalo, Stan Higgins, David Mauger, Phyllis Peterson, Lance Parker, Nicky Boyette, Don Morgan, Cami Weaver, Mick Woodson, Carol Fremault

Guests Present: Laura Cepoi, Liz Sutton, Donna Feingold, Tern Rowland, Carolyn Thompson, Nary Callison, Richard Ruge, Bob Lieberman, Edith Thomas, Diana Tucker, Karen Lustig, Nancy Gardner

I. Introductions and Acceptance of Minutes - Minutes from the last meeting were accepted as submitted
MOTON APPROVED—(M/S/C Cami/Stan)

II. Agenda Changes

A) SCILS - Bob Lieberman

III. Group Reports and/or Clarifications

A) Best Practices Training Update: Carol Fremault reported that Best Practices will survey the vendor community regarding training needs and then continue with two-hour trainings in July 2005.

B) Sonoma Vendor's Group: No discussion. See minutes.

C) Napa-Solano Vendor Group: No discussion. See minutes

D) Legislative:

1) CRA Group: The following bills continue to be sponsored by CRA:

- AB 1145: 1 to 3 Supported Employment Ratio
- AB 1607: Restoring Rate Reduction!Halting Rate Freeze
- AB 1645: Temporary/Permanent Rate

2) ARCA supports the bills sponsored by CRA and encourages them to support the \$10.6 million for the statewide Regional Center system Operations.

3) Self directed service delivery system requires caps of 90% - ARCA has concerns since these caps may determine how many individuals can be included, and may lead to reductions in services.

4) Medi-Cal premiums are scheduled to increase; concerns that this will cause people to not be able to afford them. Consequences may have yo-yo affect.

5) AAMR Conference:

- a. Entitlements will stay intact.
- b. Discussion concerning Agnews closure and the need for money for community services especially for medically fragile.
- c. Discussion around concerns about children with Autism increasing and aging and needing community services.

IV. Policies and Procedures Update at NBRC - Term Limits for VAC is still being worked on by Kathy

V. New Business

1) Motion to accept Holiday Schedule 2005/2006 MOTION APPROVED - (M/S/C Carol/Stan)

2) NBRC Resolution of Solidarity was passed by the Board of Directors to support ARCA in asking for \$ 10.6 million reimbursement.

3) Bob Lieberman from SCILS asked VAC's assistance in recruiting Board members for his agency. Suggestions included; Volunteer Center, Oakmont Newsletter, SSU, website.

4) Lance Parker, VAC Outreach Coordinator handed out materials including a brochure that the group approved. Group commended Lance on all the work he has done. Brochure will be available for distribution at the Legislative Forum. (Beth A. Tern R)

5) Committees were formed to help develop;

- a. VAC website (Beth, David, Nicky, Tern, Richard, Carlos) – Lance
- b. Training Series for VAC meetings; Cami, Beth, Donna, Liz S.

VI. Announcements

1) California Supported Living Conference - June 16th & 17th, San Diego