

**VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
North Bay Regional Center
10 Executive Ct., Suite A, Napa, Ca 94558
August 24, 2004**

VAC Members Present: Beth Atton, NVSS; Nicky Boyette, OADS; Louis Chiofalo, SDS; Stan Higgins, Oaks of Hebron; Don Morgan, BAFS; David Mauger, Christopher House; Lance Parker, On Our Own; Phyllis Peterson, Philhaven; Mick Woodson, ARC Solano

VAC Members Absent: Carol Fremault, CPA; Cami Weaver, BI

VAC Guests: Marilyn Halloran, NBRC; Carol Gonsalves, Area IV Board; Liz Sutton, NBI; Terri Rowland, Milestones; Carolyn Thompson, PACE Solano; Laura Cepoi, NBRC; John McCue, BI; Nary Callison, CAP; Sam Seaton, Pride Industries, Michael Long, Department of Developmental Services; Karen Lustig, Aldea; Deb Scholey, NBRC; Lynda Wheeler, NBRC; Cecile Cooke, NBRC; Ellisa Reiff, NBRC; Wendi Piscia, Moving Forward; Belinda White, Bayberry; Richard Ruge, NBRC; Jaynette Underhill, Dungarvin

I. Introductions and Acceptance of Minute

M/S/C (Woodson/Higgins) that the minutes be accepted.

II. Agenda changes or Additions – Michael Long introduced: From Conversations to Actions Using the IPP – see the DDS web page to download

III. Group Reports and/or Clarifications

- a) **Best Practices:** Autism conference in Petaluma on April 22, 2005. Local resources will be used to ensure it is cost effective. The cost will be approximately \$25. Disaster preparedness brochures have been sent out.
- b) **Sonoma Vendor Group:** See minutes distributed to VAC members.
- c) **Napa-Solano Vendor Group:** No meeting was held.
- d) **Legislative:** Discussed regional meeting of CRA again. Annual meeting is the end of October specific recommendations will be made and voted on at that meeting.
 - Discussed SB1365, which was developed to support the Olmsted Bill. This bill ensures there are appropriate community alternatives to developmental centers. Senator Chesbro encouraged a show to support by writing letters to the governor. If California has an Olmsted plan it would assist our system to draw down Medicaid funds. If you would like more information e-mail John McCue at Jmccue@becomingindependent.org
 - AB2100 has been changed using all new language. It carries the specific provision to ensure that 11million dollars from the Agnews closures is kept within our system. Support this legislation by sending letters as soon as possible. This bill is contained in the NBRC BOD packet.
 - AB2065 is successfully in suspense. This legislation would have required sprinkler systems in small family care homes.
 - Other bills were discussed that were vetoed.
 - ARCA is supporting 4-5 bills that are moving along. These bills deal with Early Start. Morohoshi verses Pacific Homes case to be heard by Supreme Court in September - cost of insurance discussed. This case will determine whether Regional Centers will be held accountable for vicarious negligence.
 - Update on the budget - budget cost containment includes unallocated cuts to hold Regional Centers more accountable. Five criteria will be used:
 - ✓ Achieve Medicaid Waiver enrollment targets
 - ✓ Compliance with audit meetings
 - ✓ Individual Program Plan and Individual Family Service Plan requirements

- ✓ Accuracy of POS projections
- ✓ Caseload ratios
- Family share of cost will be implemented in January. Regional Center will wait to receive regulations and meet to ensure everyone understands before implementing.
- NBRC will be participating in several surveys and audits e.g., SLS
- Adequate resources are projected for the NBRC budget 2004/05. There will continue to be a freeze on rates and rate adjustments.
- California Performance Review - Nancy encourages everyone to review the information in the NBRC board packet.
- Discussed SB2, which would be repealed by prop. 72; vote NO. SB2 requires businesses to provide health care to employees and it could include clients who are on agencies payrolls.
- ICF programs 9% increase must then give back 6%.
- ARCA is forming legislative priorities in Sept. to be approved at their Oct. meeting, any ideas let Nancy know.
- Nancy announced an ARCA sponsored conference in San Diego that should be an exciting conference: Discussing Alternatives to Traditional Day Programs. This conference is by invitation only; if you are interested and haven't received an invitation let Nancy know.

IV. Policies and Procedures NBRC Update – Discussed the review of Policies and Procedures and how new procedures will be brought to VAC members. Louis is e-mailing Doug Cleveland each month to ensure drafts policies and procedures are brought to VAC. Vendors did review new 055 prior to this vendor meeting. Louis will continue to follow up on this process. NBRC will be looking at revising Transportation procedures. As for the 055 review, we discussed changes in assessment time from 30 days to 3 months and reporting time changes.

V. Presentations -- Michael Long, DDS – Public Speaking Training for People with Developmental Disabilities. Viewed a video from the Southern California's Speakers Bureau. The training guide is available to be downloaded from the DDS website. It was suggested that consumers speak at fundraising presentations. This training and then presenting helps to build self-esteem. Michael asked everyone to consider developing a Speakers Bureau to provide individuals with disabilities with this opportunity. Michael is available to provide this training and requires at least three staff and nine individuals with disabilities. Another option is to download the training and follow the simple directions for implementation.

VI. New Business – NA

VII. Announcements

- Mick announced The ARC-Solano received a grant for a rhythmic art project call Gerry Forcier if you are interested in this training.
- The 1st annual picnic for providers and consumers was sponsored by NBRC in Vallejo. Many providers pitched in to make this a special event.
- Carol Gonsalves will be leaving the Area Board IV on August 31, 2004.
- Next month there will be a presentation for disaster preparedness by Mike Harper.
- Jay Gaillard will be presenting on United Group Insurance Trust and options for providers.

VIII. Vendor Support Time – NA