

VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

May 24, 2005

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

VAC Members Absent: Phyllis Peterson, Louis Chiofalo

Guests Present: Carolyn Thompson, Nancy Callison, Liz Sutton, Richard Ruge, Nancy Gardner, Marilyn Halloran, Donna S., Lori Roland, Keith Marcum, Donna Feingold, Edith T.

- I. Minutes from the last meeting were accepted as submitted – **MOTION APPROVED**
- II. No changes to the agenda were made.
- III. Group Reports
 - a. Best Practices Training Update – Carol Fremault announced the all-day conference on Autism scheduled for April 22nd in Petaluma. It is imperative that everyone register by March 31 as no one will be allowed entry at the door.
 - b. Vendor Groups – see minutes - Carol asked each vendor group to set up a meeting with Noreen Evans, local legislator.
 - c. Legislative
 - i. CRA Conference – All who attended indicated it was great.
 - ii. ARCA and Legislative Update – Nancy Gardner reported there are many bills just submitted and she will report back when ARCA has sorted through them. Some highlights of Nancy's report:
 1. NBRC was notified of being out of compliance for case loads, as are most Regional Centers.
 2. Finances continue to be tight but furlough days have been eliminated and selective hiring may occur.
 3. Family Cost Participation and new voucher respite paperwork are taking up a huge amount of time.
 4. Federal audit for Medicaid Waiver is coming up this spring. Laura Cepoi is communicating with vendors regarding this.
- IV. Policies and Procedures NBRC Update
 - a. Case Management Supervisor at NBRC have notified CPC's regarding the 30-day notice requirements.
- V. Announcements
 - a. Moving Forward is offering several classes in Napa. Call Donna at 259-1125
 - b. A meeting to develop funding for arts/crafts and recreation will be held on Monday at 1:00 at Jameson Canyon office hosted by Richard Ruge.
 - c. Carol Fremault, after a discussion regarding lack of dental care, asked vendors to document lack of care issues (dental) and submit to her to compile for action.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Lance Parker was approved as the Outreach Coordinator for VAC by unanimous vote after his impressive presentation on the subject. **ACTION**
 - b. Items to be added to next meeting agenda are: - **ACTION**
 - i. Who takes minutes at VAC meetings? Louis has been requesting to bring to the next VAC a roster of who is to take minutes and an alternate, or some better plan. **ACTION**
 - ii. Outreach Coordinator – Lance Parker
 - iii. Monitoring of 30-day notice
- VII. Vendor Support Time
 - a. Further discussion concerning the 30-day notice occurred. Some shared that the situation has improved recently.
 - b. Vendors agreed to have a consistent response when 30-day notice is not adhered to: **ACTION**
 - c. If a referral comes to a vendor, the vendor should confer with the CPC regarding referral.