

# VENDORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

(July 26, 2005)

**VAC Members Present:** Louis Chiofalo, Beth Atton, David Mauger, Lance Parker, Don Morgan, Cami Weaver, Mick Woodson, Stan Higgins

**Guests Present:** Liz Sutton, Donna Feingold, Nary Callison, Richard Ruge, Carolyn Thompson, Carlos Lopez, Carin Lawrence, Karen Lustig, Edith Thomas, Laura Cepoi, Nancy Gardner, Scott McKelvey, Bob Phillips

**I. Introductions and Acceptance of Minutes** – A motion was tendered by Cami Weaver to accept the previous meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by VAC Member Stan Higgins.

**II. Agenda Changes or Additions** – VAC Training Calendar and Recruitment added to agenda

### III. Group Reports and/or Clarifications

A) Best Practices Training Update: The current status of Best Practices was reviewed and a number of questions were slated to be re-visited at the next VAC meeting:

- Should Best Practices consider establishing itself as it's own unique entity by seeking non-profit status and thus qualify for other forms of funding?
- Should it endeavor to work more collaboratively with NBRC in it's development of training topics and dissemination of information?
- Who will participate on the behalf of the VAC and does that person need to be an active VAC member?

B) Sonoma Vendor's Group: No report

C) Napa-Solano Vendor Group: No report

D) Legislative:

- 1) CRA- A transition has occurred at CRA and Yolanda Bestgen will no longer be the Director of CRA. Ms. Bestgen will be assuming the position of Deputy Director at Alta Regional Center.

The CRA 2005 Annual Conference is scheduled for September 14-16<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Energy is being committed to the development of a strategic plan to clarify the organization's direction with the "rate-freeze" being a primary area of emphasis.

- 2) Bay Area Caucus- Nothing significant to report. Next meeting is on July 28, 2005.

- 3) ARCA- The Legislature is currently in recess...not a great deal to report currently.

- 4) Budget & Bills Update- There is a great deal of activity currently occurring in the area of Self Directed Services within the Department of Developmental Services. (This is being considered as a potential training topic for the vendor community).

CADDIS may be up and running soon. NBRC is tentatively preparing for a March roll-out.

The Federal Budget is still pending.

**IV. Policies and Procedures Update at NBRC** – Nothing to report currently.

### V. New Business

- 1) VAC Training Calendar – Various e-mails were exchanged regarding the development of the training calendar. A meeting is scheduled immediately following today's session of

VAC to further clarify things; the results of the meeting will be shared at the next meeting.

- 2) VAC Recruitment Flyer– The first VAC recruitment flyer was shared at the meeting and will be issued with the NBRC invoices in August.
- 3) VAC Website – Carlos Lopez presented the progress realized on the development of the VAC website. The site should be up and accessible by the next VAC meeting in August.

#### **VI. Announcements**

- 1) A number of positions are available at NBRC: The first being, Chief Operating Officer and the second being, the position that is currently occupied by Jean Smart who will be retiring at the end of September after 33 years of service with the regional center.
- 2) Bob Phillips of The Area 4 Board reported that workgroups are scheduled to convene in early August to focus on the new supported living regs. A draft of the suggested modifications was circulated.
- 3) Richard Ruge of NBRC announced that the majority of the materials necessary to construct 200 “GO Kits” has been received by the regional center. 150 of the disaster response kits are currently spoken for; the remaining 50 are still available and may be requested on a first come first serve basis by contacting an NBRC CPC.
- 4) The topic of the NBRC Performance Contract was also broached by Mr. Ruge, Richard wanted to suggest that two specific goals be emphasized- the unfreezing of rates and the availability of start-up funds.

Meeting Adjourned