

VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
North Bay Regional Center
Minutes 7/27/04

VAC Members Present: Beth Atton, NVSS; Nick 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; Cami Weaver, BI; Mick Woodson, ARC Solano

VAC Members Absent: Carol Fremault, CPA

VAC Guests: Marilyn Halloran, NBRC; Carol Gonsalves, Area IV Board; Liz Sutton, NBI; Terri Rowland, Milestones; Kelley Hanson, Transportation Connections; Carolyn Thompson, PACE Solano; Laura Cepoi, NBRC; Doug Cleveland, NBRC; Donna Feingold, Moving Forward; John McCue, BI; Nary Callison, CAP; Darelyn Pazdel, Pride Industries; Sam Seaton, Pride Industries

I. Vendor Support Time - Vendor support time will be shifted to 11:30-12:00. The VAC Meeting will start at 10:00 AM for all.

II. Introductions and Acceptance of Minutes - Change on Minutes: Carolyn Thompson was at the June 29, 2004 VAC meeting.

Stan Higgins/Cami Weaver M/S/C (Minutes from June 2004 VAC meeting were unanimously accepted)

III. Group Reports

- A. Best Practices: Meeting held on 7/21/04 to plan for autism Conference for 2005.
- B. Sonoma Vendor Group: See minutes distributed to VAC members.
- C. Napa-Solano Vendor Group: See minutes distributed to VAC members.
- D. Legislative:
 - 1. John McCue gave a report from CRA regarding the Bay Area Caucus. The message identified the legislature understand developmental disabilities services as a separate entity. People are pulling back into congregate services due to lack of rate increases, etc. Strong emotions were expressed regarding congregate services. Oct. 26-28, 2004, CRA Fall meeting in Riverside, CA.
 - 2. ARCA – NBRC (Nancy was out today) According to the news, the State of California has a ways to go to sign the budget.

IV. Policies and Procedures NBRC Update - John McCue raised the question – has NBRC received a response from DDS about the Supported Living regulations? NBRC responded by saying “DDS does not typically respond to such questions.”

Marilyn Halloran reported new NBRC procedures:

- Competency and assessment training procedures: Chris White is a vendor who reviews and conducts competency assessments. NBRC developed a procedure with NBRC’s forensic committee.
- ILS/SLS assessment procedure. NBRC is in the process of talking with vendors regarding this procedure. Meeting held today, 7/27/04, at SDC.
- 055 day program procedure: Community Integration Code revised procedure that DDS had to respond to some language changes. Marilyn will organize a meeting with vendors who are affected by the 055-language change.
- VAC will develop a method to participate and submit input regarding NBRC procedures prior to NBRC finalizing said procedure. Doug Cleveland noted that David K., Gail W., Laura C., Marilyn H., and Doug C. are the five players who typically develop NBRC procedures. Louis will contact Doug at the beginning of the month to ask if there are any items that need vendor input.
- Doug also reminded VAC that if there are procedures that could be improved, NBRC would be open to input.
- Further discussion was held regarding the 110 supplemental funding. Marilyn H. noted that for the first year people are eligible for six hours of 110 supplemental funding hours per day and their “base POS.” After the first year, NBRC will look to cap the funding to \$85.00 per day.

V. Presentation by Jay F. Gaillard, United Group Insurance Trust (re-scheduled for September VAC meeting)

VI. New Business – None

VII. Announcements

- A. Nick B. announced that Non Profits United Vehicle Insurance Pool will be offering a Workers Comp. Group. Call 800-442-4742 for more information.
- B. August meeting Michael Long from DDS will train VAC on “Public Speaking” for consumers.
- C. September meeting Sonoma County Job Link to present to the VAC.
- D. Carol Gonsalves inquired as to whether VAC is able to support parents as vendors? Parents as vendors are now being called employers. New timesheet is “out” and is very intimidating. Because DDS was successful in getting an amendment to the State’s Medicaid Waiver, vouchered respite will now be billable, allowing California to draw down federal funds. Regional Centers have been directed to use new forms and to audit respite vouchers. More accountability will be necessary to comply with the Medicaid Waiver requirements. Doug announced that NBRC has a group (CQ1) to develop training and supportive tools for families to use. Various vendors agreed to host a parent training once the materials were developed.