

Community Advisory Meeting
Minutes
January 8, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 12:20pm

In attendance in person were: Mary Bryant, Melissa Westphal, Jack Mayes, Tammy Moffit (proxy for Deb Braun), Frank Mackin, Ryan McKinney, Jerry O'Brien, Tiffany Hunter, Nicole Schomberg, Robbin Vasquez, Lynda Scott, Gordon Dodd, Claudia Castaneda-Melendez, Joseph Galata and Steve Rock.

On the phone were Santa Perez (LV) and Karen Taycher (LV)

CAC Co-chairs Santa Perez and Tiffany Hunter gave a recap on the AUCD Conference that they attended in November in Washington, DC, and their experience with the COCA (Council On Community Advocacy), in which they participated. They will now be active with this group on a regular basis.

George McKinlay gave an overview of the new NCED website, which is much like a blog. The CAC will have its own page. Mary will be sending out a request to CAC members for pictures and information on each member for the website. CAC members will also have the opportunity to contribute to the website in the near future.

Steve Rock reviewed the NCED continuation grant goals and objectives and asked for feedback. He presented a matrix of the NCED's goals and objectives with reference to which project (or Core funding) is addressing each.

Mary Bryant informed the CAC about the new mini-grant just awarded to the NCED by the Institute for Community Inclusion at U Mass Boston. The Think College Nevada grant is to conduct statewide strategic planning for inclusive postsecondary education for students with developmental/intellectual disabilities in Nevada.

The NCED Mini-grant review and discussion: The CAC had been charged with distributing up to \$5,000 in NCED funds to community organizations/members. An RFP had been approved at the last meeting

and was sent out in December. Five proposals were received by the closing date. The following actions were taken by the CAC:

- Approved: \$1,000 to RAGE (Rebuilding All Goals Efficiently) to support the development of a vocational training center for people with disabilities in southern Nevada.
- Approved: \$1,000 to PBS (Positive Behavior Support Nevada) for toilet training classes and in home support to families of children with developmental disabilities.
- Approved: \$1,000 to The Note-Ables for their 2010 Evening of Romance community concert & fundraiser. CAC members wanted to know how tickets would be distributed to self-advocates.
- More information will be requested from The Achievement Academy. The CAC members want more information about the school and how the money will be used. They felt there was no real description of “other costs.”
- Denied: Las Vegas Senior Lifeline: CAC members felt that this transportation grant was seniors living in a segregated setting, not in the community. They also did not like the use of non-person first language. They asked staff to have them re-apply next time.

Staff will contact each organization and arrange payment with the three organizations to be funded.

It was planned to have a PowerPoint training presentation for CAC members, but the meeting ran short on time. Co-chair Tiffany Hunter suggested we move this item to the next meeting and everyone agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.