

Community Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes
June 11, 2010

- The meeting began at noon with lunch. It was called to order by co-chairs Tiffany Hunter and Santa Perez.
- In attendance were CAC members Claudia Castaneda-Melendez, Robbin Vasquez-Dunn, Frank Mackin, Jerry O'Brien, Nicole Schomberg, Ryan McKinney, Santa Perez, Tiffany Hunter and (new member) Chris Moran. Staff included Mary Bryant & Melissa Westphal. NCED Director Steve Rock was also present.
- CAC orientation training- Mary Bryant presented a powerpoint entitled "The Basics: UCEDDs and the Consumer Advisory Committee," which covered the DD Act, the DD Act programs, the state DD network (general and in Nevada) and the role of the CAC. The powerpoint will be available to CAC members and on the NCED website.
- NCED Updates
 - NCED Director Steve Rock reported on the MTARS visit & report
 - Mary Bryant reported on the Think College mini-grant, the strategic planning session and the NCED's intention to apply for the upcoming federal grant to increase opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities to attend postsecondary education
 - Melissa Westphal gave an update on what the previous mini-grant awardees had been able to do with the awarded money:
 - RAGE: A vocational training center was opened to provide support and education to individual with disabilities to increase their competitive employment skills with the help of the money awarded from the mini-grant.
 - Positive Behavior Support: Reusable training supplies were purchased and two potty-training classes were

conducted. They received very positive feedback as well and were able to determine how to make their trainings more affordable for themselves.

- Note-Ables: Allowed people with disabilities to attend the “Evening of Romance” performance.
- Mini-Grant review and selection: CAC members had been mailed the grants and a simple matrix on which to rate the grants in advance. During the meeting, each mini-grant proposal was discussed. The CAC voted to award the following mini-grants:
 - \$1,000 to Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada for supplies and marketing of a new First Call project that welcomes new babies with Down Syndrome and supports their families
 - \$1,000 to Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living for bus passes for transition students
 - \$1,000 to RAVE Family Foundation for center based respite program that trains youth to care for children with disabilities
 - \$1,000 to Best Buddies Nevada for e-Buddies program
 - \$900 to NAMI of Northern Nevada for the Peer-to-Peer Recovery Education projectThe following two proposals were not awarded mini-grants:
 - Community Awareness for Shaken Baby Syndrome
 - A person in rural Nevada who wanted to attend CWIC (Certified Work Incentive Coordinator) trainingBoth proposals were thought to have merit and the CAC asked staff to advise them of improvements that could be made for further consideration.
- The meeting ended at 3:45 p.m.