



**Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC)
LSUHSC Human Development Center (HDC)
University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)**

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 9th, 2018

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Human Development Center, Room 405
411 S Prieur St, New Orleans, LA 70112

Attendees:

Baldwin, Dewain
Blanco, Maria
Carubba, Elizabeth
Cosse, Brenda
D'Aquila, Shannon

Flores, Minerva
Fontenot, Lynette
Friedrich, Kira
Griffiths, Lauren
Johnson Wilbert

Killam, Sue
Morel, Sigmund
Rowe, Jeff
Stazio, Laura
Wilson, Phil

Welcome and Introductions

- Griffiths: CAC coordinator, HDC faculty, early childhood imitative area
- Blanco: Early childhood IA director
- Wilson: HDC director
- Stazio: Leadership team/ TEC IA
- Baldwin: Self-advocate; Employed at two jobs; Co-founder of Colorful Connections
- Carubba: Self-advocate; Delgado student studying to be a culinary chef
- D'Aquila: 10-year old daughter with ASD; first introduced to HDC 9 years ago after daughter diagnosed, had services through LASARD and OT in the SAHP; retired schoolteacher
- Coulter: K-12 initiative area director/licensed psychologist
- Patsy White: parent of 17yo with PWS; attended a LASARD training years ago and got involved at HDC; Also with DDC; LEND graduate
- Johnson: Self-advocate; Paycheck completer
- Flores: Parent of 7-year old son with autism; worked for FHF last year
- Rowe: Runs community living program at Advocacy Center; special transits services committee of the RTA
- Killam: TEC initiative area director; discussed five programs: Paycheck
- White: Opening at the Advocacy Center for councilor
- Morel: LRS out of Baton gRouge; Workforce Commission, specifically for PWD; pre-employment transition services coordinator, prepares students for college or workforce
- Cosse: Parent of 12-year old son with autism, language disorder and sensory processing disorder; learned of HDC through LASARD and Julie Riley; served on DD Council
- Fontenot: On the Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs
- Friederich: Parent of child with cerebral palsy

Chair: Lynette nominated Shannon; Six votes for. Shannon nominated Patsy; 5 votes for Patsy
Dwayne self-nominated: 4 votes; Shannon nominated Patsy 7 votes for

Overview of CAC for New Members

Purpose of the CAC

Committee member's role in the CAC

Three Initiative Areas:

Early Childhood (EC) Initiatives, Director: Maria Blanco, MEd

School Age (K-12) Initiatives, Director: Alan Coulter, PhD (Director)

Transition, Employment & Community (TEC) Initiatives, Director: Sue Killam, MEd

Time for questions

- Laura: Working on making website more accessible and less academic. New introduction page that will explain areas and be easy to use for laypersons. Trainings, webinars, etc. will be easier to find. Will be based on what Shannon said, and HDC team will meet with Shannon soon. Will also work on alternate formats that will help individuals with blindness, deafness, etc. more able to use the website. Does anyone else want to help work on website?
- Johnson/White: Yes
- Shannon: One of the big things is the keyword search, so that you can search “cerebral palsy” etc. Acronyms were already broken down by Stuart who’s been working on the website.
- Phil described 5 year plan and how IA objectives align with HDC goals; discussed how HDC has gathered feedback: CAC surveys, AC feedback, q-sort with >70 IWD across the state.
- Coulter: Described three initiative area programs: LASARD, TIERS, recruitment of school psychology interns each year; discussed LASARD, three-year format, and criteria for school systems to work with the program; discussed TIERS contract with data action team at the DOE of Michigan
- Killam discussed TEC updates: Paycheck has 11 students enrolled; employment trainings for staff (though numbers have been diminishing over the years, seeking strategies to increase participation); JP capacity building initiative (TCBY) - 14 webinars, 5 one-day trainings; Social Security benefits planning for half of state, Dr. Angelocci currently at week long training and will be a benefits planner at the HDC; small grant with DD council to do mentoring of two agencies working on employment – TA and mentoring for more significant disabilities; Discussed Employment First updates, Executive Order in draft to be presented in this special session to have all state agencies designate a disability person hiring coordinator, 5% representation of individuals with significant disabilities

5 Year Core Grant Proposal

Review goals and objectives

- Wilson: Shared draft goals and objectives
 - Goals about four core functions
 - Maintain high quality interdisciplinary pre-service training program
 - By end of 5 years, will have 60 or more long-term (300+ hours in academic year) interdisciplinary trainees
 - 25 medium-term trainees
 - 150-500 short-term trainees
 - Community service
 - Will have objective for between 5,000-10,000 people complete continuing education activities
 - Will set goal for having a small number of model demonstrations
 - Research and evaluation

- Will set goal for a small number of published peer reviewed articles
- At least 50 presentations over 5 years
- Will set goal for products (e.g., flyers, newsletters, etc.)
- Dissemination
 - Website visits, Facebook page, print materials, webinars, etc.
 - Goal will be ~15,000 dissemination activities
- Wilson: LEND budget in threat of being zeroed out in new presidential budget; CAC will be asked to sign on to Dear Colleague letter before March 14th
- D'Aquila: LEND Facebook needs to be updated (last post 2014); discussed how this might reflect poorly on securing LEND funding in the future
- Friedrich: Discussed whether there are any champions for LEND in Louisiana
- D'Aquila: Better to speak to staff than to officials directly
- Blanco: Met with Cassidy staffer last time in DC; chose Cassidy because he is a physician and has previously supported legislation in support of people with disabilities
- Wilson: Cassidy on the HELP committee which determines where money goes; even though C junior on committee, has power to how budget is allocated
- Blanco: Suggests that people who are fighting for similar issues come together; gather voices together in coalitions, etc.

CAC-sponsored events

Movie screening (end of April)

- Wilson: Suggested *Resilience*; need to specify audience
- Griffiths: Suggested having a panel discussion afterward that has interdisciplinary faculty
- Planning committee: Will, Dewain, Minerva, Jeff

“Reunion” event with families/individuals formerly reached by HDC (late fall)

Identify purpose

Brainstorm potential format/venue

Create planning subcommittee

- Wilson: Described purpose of the event as an effort to follow up with individuals affected by the HDC and a way to collect stories
- D'Aquila: Suggested developing a survey to collect follow up data
- Johnson: Volunteer to handle graphic design of flyers, etc.
- D'Aquila: Suggested having a parent meet and greet where parents can exchange information about services they are receiving, etc.; need to spotlight children before and after intervention at the HDC; invite parents/family/children to get to know each other; invite people who might give HDC money
- Fontenot: Suggested inviting speakers
- White: Suggested enabling people to tell their story; described how LASARD is still affecting her family two generations later
- Planning committee: Lynnette, Will, Minerva, Patsy
- D'Aquila requested external affiliate designation for an LSUHSC email