



**Council Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 2013**

**Members Present**

April Lopez  
Bill Moore  
Brian Gutierrez  
Catherine Blakemore  
Dan Boomer  
David Forderer  
Eric Gelber  
Janelle Lewis  
Jennifer Allen  
Jonathan Clarkson  
Kerstin Williams  
Kris Kent  
Max Duley  
Molly Kennedy  
Nicole Smith  
Olivia Raynor  
Patty O'Brien-Peterson  
Ray Ceragioli  
Rebecca Donabed  
Robert Jacobs

**Members Absent**

Carmela Garnica  
Dan Boomer  
Fedal Almaliti  
Jorge Aguilar  
Kecia Weller  
Robin Hansen

**Other Attending**

Anastasia Bacigalupo  
Angela Lewis  
Anonymous  
Bob Phillips  
Chris Arroyo  
David Grady  
Dawn Morley  
Dena Hernandez

**Others Attending** (continued)

Denis Craig  
Holly Bins  
Joe Bowling  
Mark Polit  
Mary Agnes Nolan  
Mary Ellen Stives  
Melissa Corral  
Michael Brett  
Roberta Newton  
Sam Seaton  
Sarah Greenseid  
Sarah May  
Sarah VanDyke  
Sheryl Matney  
Szandra Keszthelyi  
Tammy Eudy  
Vicki Smith

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Jennifer Allen, Vice Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. and a quorum was established.

**2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Vice Chair Allen welcomed everyone and noted that Jorge was absent and she would be filling in. Members and others attending introduced themselves.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anonymous spoke stating that the Council's March minutes mistakenly attributed comments to him that were actually comments of the Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC) consultant. He stated that he had not gotten support regarding the employment contract at GGRC. As a result, he gave another complaint to Disability Rights of California on possible "criminal acts of medical abuse."

Mary Ellen Stives, Area Board 13 Executive Director spoke about a Fair Hearing that took place with San Diego Regional Center involving the provision of supported living services. The regional center did not seek a health and safety waiver from DDS which the individual would need. The judge is requiring that the Regional Center submit the health and safety waiver to the Department because they had not done so. Ms. Stives suggested that this issue will affect many people and the Council should look more closely at DDS' directives on this matter.

**4. APROVAL OF JANUARY 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Kennedy/Donabed) and carried to approve the March 21, 2013, Council meeting minutes with the revision requested by Anonymous and the correction that Brian Gutierrez was present. 3 abstentions

**5. SPONSORSHIP REQUEST**

Roberta summarized the request from Congreso Familiar for \$999 to be used to provide family scholarships at their annual conference for Spanish speakers that is attended by over 800 people in the East Bay community. It was moved/ seconded (Lopez/Forderer) to award \$999 to Congreso Familiar.

**6. PRESENTATION: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, Sheryl Matney, Technical Assistance Manager, NACDD**

Sheryl described the Council as a "unique entity" in that it is the only entity established at the state level with the federal mandate to accomplish systems change. The Council has a unique composition in

bringing together policymakers, agency staff, family members and people with developmental disabilities to listen to each other. Sheryl went on to describe Council members' responsibilities in implementing "the big three" – advocacy, capacity building and system change.

## 7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT

Pam Derby, of CPS HR Consulting introduced her organization and described the timelines that they anticipate in implementing the Executive Director Search process.

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### i. Actions Taken:

The Committee acted on 13 conflict of interest waiver requests as directed by the Council at the March meeting. The Committee also acted on the following bills: AB 1041; SB 126; SB 163; SB 468; SB 651; SB 961; SB 602; AB 1232; SB 319; SB 321; SB 555; SB 577; SB 1 and Regional Center Financial Responsibility for Co-Pays and Deductibles trailer bill.

#### ii. Proposed Bylaws Revisions

Following extensive discussion, several revisions were approved, the establishment of the state plan subcommittee, moved/seconded (Kennedy/Forderer); that membership in the Self-Advocate's Advisory Committee be voluntary, moved/seconded (Gutierrez/Jacobs); language to review bylaws at least annually but leave final proposed revision unchanged, moved/seconded (Kent/Kennedy). All motions were unanimously passed.

#### iii. Executive/Search Recommendations

That staff be permitted to review the job description and complete a survey by CPS, moved/seconded (Forderer/Donabed) and carried.

To approve the contract with CPS, moved/seconded (Clarkson/Lewis) and carried.

That the Ad Hoc Search Committee be involved in all joint Executive Committee meetings, moved/seconded (Ceragioli/Forderer) and carried.

#### B. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Molly directed attention to the quarterly budget in the Council packet and the updated work plan that was originally sent out in early April. She noted that in addition to the training that was provided yesterday, we will have a presentation from the Department of Finance in July. Also in July, the Council will get a proposed FY 13-14 budget for approval.

#### C. EMPLOYMENT FIRST COMMITTEE

In Kecia's absence, Mark Polit reported that the Committee is asking the Council to approve a resolution asking DDS and EDD to expand its MOU for data sharing to include additional data. Moved/seconded (Forderer/Kennedy, three abstentions). There was a second recommendation, that the Council support a pilot proposal to revamp the SSI eligibility system to eliminate the assumption that SSI recipients are incapable of employment. Moved/seconded (Forderer/Kennedy three abstentions). Additionally, Mark asked Olivia to address some of the initiatives of CECY which dovetails with the Council's EFC work.

#### D. LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Ray invited Eric Gelber to provide an overview of the DDS budget as presented in May Revise.

Ray took up two recommendations from LPPC, the first being: That the Council support the Community Imperative Declaration. Ray spoke at some length opposing the declaration. Much discussion ensued. The Council moved/seconded (Blakemore/Raynor) to support the Imperative (7aye-2 nay-9 abstain)

Secondly, the Council acted to support a recommendation that DDS develop a plan for the gradual and steady closure of all developmental centers, moved/seconded (Kennedy/Blakemore) (7 aye- 2 nay- 10 abstain)

## E. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Janelle reported that the PDC recommends that the area boards be allocated \$10,000 to award for Cycle 36 grants. Moved/seconded (Blakemore/Raynor) and carried. The PDC further recommended that the Council hold funds aside in Cycle 36 for the possible funding of a second year with Jay Nolan Community Services, should their first year outcomes warrant second year funding. Moved/seconded (Forderer/Donabed) and carried

## F. SELF-ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE/STATEWIDE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK

Jennifer discussed that the SAAC heard from Molly on the national movement to close sheltered workshops and other segregated work settings. Molly and Jennifer will attend the next EFC to ask that they back such an initiative in California.

Jennifer noted that SSAN will have its next meeting June 5-6 in San Diego at which time the group will work on its mission statement.

### 9. **APPOINTMENT OF AREA BOARD 7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

This agenda item was tabled as Area Board 7 has not yet met to make a nomination.

### 10. **STAFF REPORTS**

Roberta and Mark provided reports of their activities. Dawn Morley reported on behalf of the Area Board Executive Directors.

### 11. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Council member reports were given.

### 12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned (Forderer/Donabed) at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is on July 17 at the Doubletree in Berkeley.