

OCRA Advisory Committee Minutes
Friday, September 24, 2010

Present: Billy Hall, Russ Rankin(Board Member), Diane Millner (Board Member), Connie Chan(Board Member), Amy Kalivas(Board Member) and Eric Ybarra

Staff: Cara Armstrong, Evelyn Abouhassan, Catherine Blakemore, Maxine Dalaza, Jeanne Molineaux, Dara Schur, Milanka Radosavljevic, Katie Hornberger, Katie Meyer, Andy Mudryk and Alice Ximenez

Facilitators: Jennifer Estabillo, Valerie Carlos and Monica Huevo

Introductions and Announcements: Eric Ybarra called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Committee members introduced themselves.

March 5, 2010 Minutes: Members M/S/C (Hall/Ybarra/Kalivas) to approve minutes of last meeting.

ADA Celebration: Billy and Eric both shared their experience of public speaking during celebration. The event was held at the State Capitol and was well-attended.

Westside Regional Center Update: Katie Meyer, Clients' Rights Advocate, Westside Regional Center, discussed a case where client received waiver approval when dealing with issues surrounding concurrent beneficiaries.

Supervising Clients' Rights Advocate Report: Katie Hornberger, Supervising Clients' Rights Advocate, discussed the transition from CRA to Supervising CRA and the various changes in staffing for OCRA.

Annual Report: Jeanne Molineaux shared information from the OCRA Annual Report including staffing changes, significant increase in OCRA cases due to Lanterman Act changes, advocacy reporting trends, and a Far Northern Regional Center Section 8 housing case that has changed the way regional centers handle Section 8 housing issues. The Emergency Preparedness Training requirement from DDS has been met by OCRA.

Capitol People First Trainings Status and Implementation: Jeanne Molineaux gave update on plans for implementation of the facility trainings to be scheduled. Two trainings have been completed at this time.

Samantha C., Brian S., and Michael K. Update: Dara Schur gave update on these cases which included the news that DRC lost on the Michael K. case. More work to be done. More fact sheets are being developed at this time. People are looking more at autism spectrum disorders and await the new DSM to be released. This will change how we work our eligibility cases.

Legislative and Public Affairs Report: Evelyn Abouhassan gave update on current budget status stating that preliminary budget was announced and that final budget was forthcoming.

Recruiting Public Membership: Members M/S/C (Kalivas/Hall/Ybarra) that OCRA staff be encouraged to recruit public members to apply.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

ATTEST,

Eric Ybarra, Chair