

## **OCRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **March 6, 2009**

**Present:** Billy Hall, Eric Ybarra, Ted Cottini, Dan Owen (by phone), Ori Medicinebull, Precious Medicinebull, Jose Flores, Stan Price

**Absent:** Spencer McClay

**Staff:** Evelyn Abouhassan, Alice Ximenez, Jeanne Molineaux, Jackie Coleman, Yulahlia Hernandez, Cara Armstrong, Catherine Blakemore and Dalena Quan

**Facilitators:** Steve Austin (Eric Ybarra)

Eric Ybarra chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Orientation and Operating Rules of Committee:** Jeanne Molineaux reviewed orientation binder with the Committee and asked for feedback on self-advocacy experiences and better ways that OCRA could work with Committee regarding advocacy for people with disabilities. The Committee members gave examples of personal experiences, and suggested ideas on how to work together: 1.) Offering tools to help one best express ones self without creating problems, 2.) Gathering a group of CRAs and people with disabilities to discuss ways of dealing with daily life and also provide this information in writing, 3.) Roleplay real situations such as a meeting with a service coordinator, and/or a meeting with a facility social worker, 4.) Roleplay should include family members to build networking and support systems.

**Presentation: Proposed legislation.** Evelyn Abouhassan gave an update to the Committee on legislation and budget issues affecting people with developmental disabilities including upcoming propositions. She also encouraged members to view the Disability Rights California webpage for additional information.

**Presentation:** Jackie Coleman, Clients' Rights Advocate, Alta California Regional Center, shared information regarding a discount method for people with disabilities to use when renewing an identification or driver's license card. *Verification for Reduced Fee Identification Card.*

**Presentation:** Yulahlia Hernandez, Clients' Rights Advocate, North Bay Regional Center, reviewed current successful cases and showed a video of local news coverage discussing success of individuals and their involvement in various programs.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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Eric Ybarra, Chair