

Minutes  
OCRA Advisory Committee Meeting  
February 2, 2002  
Sacramento

In Attendance:

Jacqueline Gallegos	Virginia Knowlton
Ron Allen	Gail Gresham
Harvey Lapin	Kim Rode
Barbara Nelson	Jackie Coleman
Octavio Garcia	Nancy Clyde
Dan Meadows	Eric Gelber
Jeanne Molineaux	Barbara Silva (By Phone)
Catherine Blakemore	

The meeting was called to order by Ron Allen, Chairperson.

1. A certificate of appreciation was given to Nancy Clyde from the Committee for her service on the committee.
2. Harvey Lapin discussed the current status of the Sanchez Case. Parties are currently being deposed.
3. The committee considered the applications for new members to the Advisory Committee. After careful consideration, the Committee voted to recommend that Protection & Advocacy Inc. Board of Directors appoint two consumers to the committee, Eric Ybarra and John Graber.
4. Eric Gelber, PAI managing attorney, Sacramento gave a presentation on the law suit recently filed by Protection & Advocacy Inc., Capitol People First vs. Department of Developmental Services. The case would require people currently residing in facilities to be given an opportunity for community placement.
5. Virginia Knowlton, Legislative Advocate, Protection & Advocacy Inc., did a presentation on the current status of proposed state legislation that affects people with disabilities.

6. Barbara Silva, Deputy Director, Protection and Advocacy Inc., did a presentation by phone on Protection and Advocacy Inc.'s plan for generating its next three-year plan. Barbara discussed Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy's part in the process. Harvey Lapin, Ron Allen, Barbara Martinez and Octavio Garcia all indicated an interest in sitting in on a focus group in their area.
7. Dan Meadows, formerly a committee member, and liaison for PAI's board of directors to the Advisory Committee, has been hired by Protection And Advocacy Inc. as a Peer/Self-Advocate. Dan has been requested to be that program's liaison with Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy and the Advisory Committee. Dan gave a brief report on the Peer/Self-Advocate Clients' project, one of which is a self-advocacy conference to be held jointly with the Regional Center Consumer Advocates and OCRA/PAI.
8. Video Project – The committee recommended that Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy develop a public interest tape/video to disseminate information about Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy. Suggestions were that Andrea Freeman be asked to do the spot. Suggested that \$20,000 remaining in OCRA's video fund be used to finance the video.
9. Jeanne Molineaux did a report on the Semi-Annual OCRA report to the Department Developmental Services. There was extensive discussions around the difference in the number of cases being handled by each OCRA office. The committee directed Jeanne Molineaux to send a letter to the chairperson of Harbor and Lanterman's Boards of Directors inviting them to attend the next Advisory Committee meeting which will be held in Los Angeles. Also the committee worked on changes requested by Department of Developmental Services on the Consumer Satisfaction Survey. The Committee recommended incorporating the two draft surveys into one page.

10. Committee members were given a copy of Protection And Advocacy Inc.'s policy that requires members to submit copies of their insurance coverage to PAI before member may be reimbursed for car mileage expenses.

11. The following advocates presented case reviews:

Jacqueline Gallegos  
Kim Rode  
Jackie Coleman  
Gail Gresham

The advisory committee was extremely interested in the reports and commended all the advocates in a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Molineaux