

**HDI Consumer Advisory Council Minutes  
Coldstream Training Room  
Monday June 1, 2015: 9 AM – 12 PM**

**In attendance today...CAC members**

*Jennifer Crawford  
Megan Baker  
Bill Dolan (for Camille Collins)  
Cathy Jo Edwards  
Harold Kleinert  
Shannon Caldwell  
Paula Caldwell  
Morry LaTour  
Claudia Johnson  
Hazel Forsythe  
Allie Rhodes  
Walt Bower  
Elaine Brown  
Jessica Wolfe  
Jennifer Mynear  
Jason Jones  
MaryLee Underwood*

**Guest:** *Nellie Jones, Janah Arvin*

**Presenter:** *Jill Griffith*

**Technical and other assistance** *provided by Dave Flechler*

- 1) Welcome & Introductions (9:00) Jessica Wolfe  
*All members introduced themselves.*
  
- 2) Review and Approval of March Minutes (9:05) Jessica Wolfe  
*The minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Morry LaTour and seconded by Jennifer Mynear.*
  
- 3) AUCD Update – Council on Community Advocacy Shannon Caldwell  
(9:10)

*Shannon thanked Harold for his service, teaching, and mentorship on the Consumer Advisory Council as Harold transitions into retirement.*

*Shannon reported the long-term goal of AUCD's Council on Community Advocacy (COCA) is full membership of each University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) on COCA. Full COCA membership consists of one representative of each UCEDD, designated by that UCEDD's director, to serve a three-year term on COCA.*

- 4) Results of our CAC Member Survey and Discussion of Next Steps - Shannon and All (9:15)

*Shannon recently conducted telephone interviews with self-advocate and family Council members about their role on our CAC; he was able to interview 10 of our 11 family and self-advocate members. He asked each Council member seven questions about their CAC role. CAC members felt that their expertise was being used effectively, that they could contribute to important CAC discussions, and that their suggestions were heard. **Shannon's full report is attached to these minutes.***

*We also talked about the recent improvements to the HDI website, and especially the CAC portion of our website, including CAC biographies and photo for each of our members! Walt is working with each of our CAC members to have their biography posted.*

*We discussed integrating our CAC work more fully into HDI's social media. Allie has been working with Stephanie to improve the HDI Facebook page. Allie announced the HDI Facebook page has received a 100 more "Likes" within the last year.*

- 5) Update on College and Career Readiness Project and Feedback from our CAC (9:45) Jill Griffith

*Jill Griffith provided an update on the changes for College and Career Readiness for students participating in KY's alternate assessment. The changes will be implemented across the state in the 2017-2018 school year. Four usability sites were selected for initial training – they are distributed across urban and rural sites throughout the state. An informative, engaging and lively discussion from CAC members followed about the importance of embedding college and career readiness throughout the school curriculum, and beginning that work with students early.*

*One member commented, "I was not aware of these changes in my District and it is only at these types of meetings that I find out about these changes." Another member suggested "more parental involvement in the alternate assessment program."*

Break (10:15)

- 6) Project Spotlight – HDI Underserved Populations Committee and CAC Activity (10:25) Walt Bower and Christina Espinosa

*Walt Bower presented the purpose and current activities of the Underserved Populations Engagement Committee. The final part of the presentation included a small group activity involving the CAC members answering the following two questions: (1) What do you think we can do better? (2) Whom would you like us to reach out to? Five small groups were formed out of the larger group. The following is the report out of the work by each small group:*

**Group 1** – *Reaching out to other agencies to help track who needs assistance. Identifying groups who already target underserved populations and making a request to have them*

*include HDI engagement committee as a resource. Reach out to churches and support groups. Social media integration to different populations and sending them a message.*

**Group 2** – *Make sure the information, resources, and materials on the HDI website are in an accessible format, including the ability to navigate with screen readers and other assistive technology, to individuals with disabilities.*

**Group 3** – *Develop a long range plan to reach outside of Central Kentucky. Make sure we are not duplicating efforts with other advocacy groups to serve underrepresented groups from diverse communities.*

**Group 4** – *Accommodate people that speak other languages than English and Spanish. Make it universal and accessible to individuals with visual and/or hearing impairments. Reach out to individuals with learning or intellectual abilities.*

**Group 5** – *Communicate personal stories on how HDI has helped individuals with disabilities. Reaching out more to those who acquire disabilities, like veterans, and going through doctors and pediatricians to reach underserved populations.*

- 7) Review of Membership Status and Current Terms (11:10) All

*There will be significant changes in the next six months to the Consumer Advisory Council as four self-advocates (including Paula, Megan, Morry, and Chastity) and one family member (Hazel) will be rotating off the Council this year. We have been working on a new **Member Nomination form** and Walt will send that out to our CAC list-serve this week. Please share with anyone whom you might think would be a good CAC member!*

*Jennifer Crawford and Elaine Brown agreed to three more years as parent advocate representatives on the Consumer Advisory Council.*

- 8) Agency Updates (P & A, DD Council, DDID, OVR, CCSHN) (11:15) Each Agency

**Protection and Advocacy** – *Bill Dolan reported the Home and Community Based (HCB) waiver is now waiting for CMS to make comments on the waiver. Bill announced there will be many changes coming to the HCB waiver and there is still quite a bit of capacity left in the waiver. The HCB waiver allows individuals to remain in their own home who would otherwise require nursing facility level of care.*

**Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities** – *MaryLee Underwood encouraged individuals to apply to the Self-Advocacy Leadership Academy. The deadline is June 30, 2015 to apply for the Academy. The 2014 annual report for the Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities is now available. MaryLee*

*announced the Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities is hosting a focus group today at HDI to help set priorities for the next 5 years.*

***Division of Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities*** – *Claudia Johnson reported that the Supports for Community Living waiver renewal was submitted to the Center for Medicaid Services (CMS) on June 1, 2015. The regulations are going through the review process with the intent to be effective in December 2015. The next waivers due to be amended are the Michelle P and Acquired Brain Injury waivers. All 1915 C waivers are adding CMS final rule requirements.*

***Office of Vocational Rehabilitation*** – *Jason Jones announced Buddy Hoskinson has been named the new Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. David Beach, the previous Executive Director, has taken the position as the Director of the Disability Resource Center at the University of Kentucky. Jason will be able to offer more updates regarding the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) at the next CAC meeting.*

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| 9)  | New Business and Announcements (11:25)<br><i>There was no new business report.</i>                    | Jessica Wolfe                        |
| 10) | Lunch and Special Commonwealth Council on<br>Developmental Disabilities Focus Group<br>(11:30 – 1:00) | Dr. Ed Jennings, UK Martin<br>School |

*Professor Ed Jennings from the University of Kentucky's Martin School led a KY Council on Developmental Disabilities sponsored focus group specifically for our CAC members. The top three concerns raised by the members were employment, transportation, and health. Our focus group looked at what is working well (and not working well) regarding employment, transportation, and health concerns.*

**NEXT CAC MEETING: Monday, September 14, Coldstream 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM,  
followed by a working lunch.**

*Jessica made a motion to adjourn the meeting.*