Present: Lesly Forbes and Jessica Gould – Committee Members

Danny Castanon, Evelyn McOmie, and Jose Rodriguez – Staff Members

Absent: Pam Aiona and Adam Stokes

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Lesly Forbes, CAC chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Introductions were made.

2. Public Input (3 minutes)

A. Lesly shared with the group that she got a seasonal job at the Salvation Army, but it will be ending soon. She really enjoyed her time there.

B. Jessica Gould announced that she has resigned from her position on the Department of Developmental Services’ (DDS’s) CAC.

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Item 4.B. was deferred until next month’s CAC meeting. Danny Castanon will be giving the presentation under Item 4.A. with Evelyn McOmie. The agenda was approved as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes of November 7th Meeting

The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Committee Business
A. **Presentation**: Competitive Integrated Employment & the Paid Internship Program (Danny Castanon & Evelyn McOmie)

The Welfare and Institutions Code was changed on July 1, 2016 to add section 4870 to encourage competitive integrated employment (CIE) for consumers. CIE is full or part-time work for which a consumer is paid minimum wage or greater in a setting with others who do not have disabilities. This change also authorizes DDS to pay providers an incentive for finding employment for consumers. The purpose of the paid internship program (PIP) is to increase the vocational skills and abilities of consumers who choose, using the IPP process, to participate in an internship. Goals of the PIP include the acquisition of experience and skills for future paid employment, or for the internship itself to lead to full or part-time paid employment in the same job. Under this program, internship wages paid to consumers, must be, at least, state or local minimum wage.

B. **Legislative Educators - Deferred**

1. Results of the Needs Assessment Survey
2. Effective Techniques for Self-Advocates

C. **Update on Employment Blueprint Oversight Group (Jessica)**

Jessica is no longer involved in this as it was an activity of the DDS CAC, and as announced earlier, Jessica is no longer a member of that group.

D. **Reports on Employment, Transportation, Legislation, and Housing (All)**

1. **CVS Employment Training for People with Disabilities**: The pharmacy chain store CVS is opening mock (fake) stores to better train people with disabilities in order to increase their number of employees with disabilities. People with disabilities participate in classroom and hands-on training in both life and job-related skills, learning the tasks required for working in a CVS store or as a pharmacy assistant.
2. **Listing of Assembly Nazarian’s Current Bills (AB 1060):** A list of Assembly Member Nazarian’s current bills was provided to each CAC member. He currently has 33 bills, 11 of which were chaptered (passed). Jessica reported that AB 1060 (Nazarian) had pertained to affordable housing and employment, but it turned into a bill about taxes.

3. **Airbnb Offering Accessible Accommodations:** Airbnb is a company that offers places for people to stay (like people’s homes), on a short-term basis, as an alternative to hotels. In an effort to better accommodate travelers with disabilities, Airbnb has just bought Accomable, a London company that arranges vacation stays in private homes with verified accessibility features.

E. **Training/Presentation Calendar for FY 2017-18**

Copies of the CAC’s training/presentation calendar were provided. No additional presentations or trainings were added.

F. **CAC Event Calendar – Deferred**

G. **Review Agenda for Board of Trustees Meeting**

Copies of the agenda for the January 10th board meeting were provided and reviewed. The January board meeting is always held at the center’s branch office in Santa Clarita.

5. **Identify Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting**

The following item was identified for the CAC’s section of the January 10th board meeting agenda:

A. Minutes from the January 2nd CAC Meeting

6. **Announcements / Information / Public Input**
A. **CAC Attendance Sheet**

The updated committee member attendance sheet is always included in the meeting packet. CAC members cannot miss 3 meetings in a row or 5 meetings within a 12-month period.

B. **Next Meeting**: Tuesday, February 6th, at 2:00 p.m.

7. **Adjournment**

Lesly adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

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