

Stakeholders Group for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Notes
March 6, 2003

I. Participants

Terri Baur, Janet Allison, Laura Orcutt-Freedrick, Bill Stein, Evalyn Greb

II. Discussion Points

- Terri Baur informed the group that she is working with Healthy San Diego staff to publish a user-friendly directory to assist clients in using Medi-Cal services. The group was asked to estimate the number of seniors that are developmentally disabled or provide care for someone who is. Laura volunteered to work with the Regional Center to obtain the information that is available for consumers or caregivers who are 60 years and older, based on what is available. Partial funding may be obtained from one-time-only Older Americans Act funds to reimburse what is printed for seniors. Staff will continue to look for funds for the printing costs for those under 60 years old.
- Evalyn reviewed LTCIP staff activity in further refining the application to the California Endowment to fund the three strategies currently being pursued. LTCIP representatives Dr. Mark Meiners, Pam Smith, Sara Barnett, and Evalyn Greb met with Endowment staff on February 27 and it was decided to select one of the three strategies to flesh out for application submittal. The goal will be to finalize the application and forward it by March 31, 2003.
- Evalyn reviewed the highlights of the last meeting. She explained that she had also had the opportunity to speak with Carlos Flores about the Regional Center's potential for participating in the pilot to further develop the Network of Care and to insure that it will meet the needs of persons with developmental disabilities. Because details are currently still under consideration, no formal agreement is possible at this time.

For that reason, Evalyn suggested and the group voted to develop a position statement regarding the inclusion of persons with developmental disabilities within LTCIP pilots. It was voted to forward the following recommendations to the Planning Committee:

1. That persons with developmental disabilities be included in pilots considering the feasibility of different models to improve the delivery of acute and long term care services; AND
 2. When pilots are funded, plan in conjunction with stakeholders to determine what the pilot is to achieve, what is expected of consumers and agencies involved with those consumers.
- Evalyn also reported that she requested a representative to the LTCIP at the monthly People First meeting in January and that Jean Townsend was selected and will start participating at the March Planning Committee meeting. Jean will not only be able to represent People First but also lives in a rural area and will greatly enrich the diversity of our Planning Committee participation.
 - It was voted to temporarily suspend the meetings of this workgroup until funds have been procured by staff for further planning and development of the pilots.