

## Consumer Advisory Committee Notes

**March 15, 2014**

Members Present: Darlene Clinkscale, Randal Jones, Mike Snapp, Donzel Shepherd, Stephen Thomas, Greg Powers, Greg Collier, M. Vanessa Eubanks, Dr. Carolyn Peters, Russell Turos, Victoria Baker-Wilford, Kianna Hill

Guests: Theresa Thomas, driver; Peters driver; Hill, driver

OOD Staff: Commission Chair, Jacqui Romer-Sensky, Shirley Marchi and Greg Dormer, Assistant VR Deputy Director

### Introductions

Stephen Thomas called the meeting to order and introductions were done.

### Approval of Agenda

The March 15, 2014 agenda was approved as motioned by Greg Powers and seconded by Dr. Carolyn Peters. All CAC members were in favor, passed and accepted as is.

### Approval of Minutes

The January 25, 2014 minutes were approved as motioned by Shonda Causey and seconded by Greg Powers. All CAC members were in favor, passed and accepted as is.

### VR Updates (Informed Choice Fact Sheet/Handout)

Greg Dormer, VR Assistant Deputy Director, presented the CAC members with two different documents and sought feedback on the drafts presented for the VR Informed Choice.

Discussion was held. Questions posed by CAC members are as follows:

Stephen Thomas asked about disparities in service delivery regarding rural areas versus metropolitan services. Mr. Dormer responded that VR is planning to monitor the vendors through the agency's Score Card for Fee Schedules.

Victoria Baker-Willford asked for clarity regarding CRP programs. Vanessa Eubanks asked if vendors are licensed, CARF accredited, or have any other types of accreditations/licensures. She also discussed disparities in service providers and how are those disparities going to be addressed.

Darlene Clinkscale asked for clarity on reporting, uniformity of providers, and uniformity of counselors.

CAC members were asked to review the documents and submit edits to Shirley Marchi no later than March 21, 2014 because OOD was writing the final draft.

### **Yearly Meeting Dates**

The following dates were discussed, scheduled and agreed upon for CAC meetings for calendar year 2014: **May 17, 2014; July 19, 2014; September 20, 2014; and November 15, 2014.**

### **Election of Chair**

Dr. Carolyn Peters nominated M. Vanessa Eubanks for CAC Chair, seconded by Donzel Shepherd.

Stephen Thomas nominated Mike Snapp for Chair, seconded by Shonda Causey.

Discussion: Mike Snapp declined to run for the position and gave his support to M. Vanessa Eubanks.

There were no other nominations on the floor.

CAC members voted for M. Vanessa Eubanks as the new CAC Chair for calendar year 2014. Congratulations!

### **Election of Vice-Chair**

M. Vanessa Eubanks nominated Dr. Carolyn Peters as CAC Vice-Chair, seconded by Randall Jones. Motion carried.

There were no other nominations on the floor.

CAC members voted for Dr. Carolyn Peters as the new CAC Vice-Chair for calendar year 2014. Congratulations!

### **Other Business**

CAC member Nelson Freed has not been recently active with OOD and has missed several meetings. The CAC Charter requires CAC members to attend meetings in order to be an active member. Nelson Freed has been a valued member of this group and will be deeply missed. CAC members wished Nelson the very best on his endeavors as he continues to speak about recovery and the importance of resources. Best wishes, Nelson Freed.

### **Adjourn**

Shonda Causey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Victoria Baker-Willford. Motion carried.