

CFAC MINUTES 08/28/2008

CUMBERLAND COUNTY CONSUMER AND FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(CFAC)

Members Present: Alex V., Thea D., Bert B., Paula B., Lillie H., Ellen B., Sheila L., Joshua D., Elizabeth R., Jerrell H.,

Guest Present: Vicki Smith, Charles Yates, LaVerne Oxendine, Allie Wiggins, Luis Conazo

Staff Representation: Nay H., Phyllis P. William H., Eric F., Sharon Y., Hank D., Latoya C.

Presenter/Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. by the CFAC co-chair, Thea D. Introductions were made and ten members, five guest and seven staff members attended the August 28, 2008 CFAC Meeting.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	August 14, 2008 CFAC Minutes were reviewed and Eric F. clarified that in the Information Section, pg 2 service definitions should read CAP/MR/DD Service Definitions. A motion was made by Ellen B. to approve the amended minutes and it was seconded by Lillie H.	Amendment was noted and will be reflected in the August 28, 2008 CFAC Committee Minutes.
Handouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communication Bulletin #097 ▪ NAMI NC's 2008 Annual Conference Flyer ▪ Alcohol and Drug Recovery Month Kick Off Flyer ▪ Rights and Responsibilities Of Tenants with Disabilities Training Listing ▪ The RecoveryNC Campaign! E-mail ▪ Local Management Entities Crisis Service Plans – August 31, 2008 ▪ Social Security – Medicare Booklet ▪ 2nd Relational Agreement Draft with members' input. 	
Disability Rights' Presentation	Vicki Smith , Executive Director of Disability Rights of NC	

	<p>spoke to the committee, guest and staff about disability rights. She explained that Disability Rights of NC (DRNC) is a federally mandated protection and advocacy system, (P & A). Every state and territory has one and there are currently 57. The P & A was initially located in the state government in an office called the Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities, (GACPD). Across the U.S. 12 of the 57 P & As were placed in an in house government and all the others were in a non-profit organization. It was believed by many that a non-profit organization was more independent than a government agency. So for many years there were groups across the state of NC that wanted the Governor to move the federal program to a non-profit agency. Once the Governor made the decision to move the program the Federal Government had to approve and the selected non-profit agency had to meet a number of requirements. Once the federal program was moved out of the government agency it was moved to Carolina Legal Assistance. The program started off very small with only six staff members that did not work full time. On July 1, 2007 it became a federally mandated program that received over three million dollars. There is now a staff of 36; 13 attorneys, 12 advocates, 4 people that do information and referrals, those like Vicki S. and others that keep the office running.</p> <p>The program now receives funds from over seven different government agencies. The DRNC serves people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, psychiatric or emotional disabilities, patients admitted into a state psychiatric hospital, people with a physical, learning, or sensory disability or people with a traumatic brain injury. There is special funding to remove barriers to assist with access to technology, help remove barriers to get the disabled back to work, voting registration and</p>	
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	<p>accessibility to polling places and other assistance.</p> <p>If someone with a disability or is the legal guardian of a person with a disability and they have an issue that relates to discrimination and/or disability/abuse based neglect contacts DRNC the process consists of an initial screening and a name, telephone number and address are requested so one can be put in a working database. DRNC's goal is to make contact within two business days. Once the return call is made you are interviewed by an intake specialist. A series of questions are asked and demographic information is gathered. If the person is dually diagnosed the issue at hand will be the main focus. Substance Abuse is not addressed by DRNC. Vicki S. added that NCcareLINK is a great referral source for information on a variety of issues and not just disability.</p> <p>\$56,000.00 of the 3 million received by DRNC is allotted for traumatic brain injury. The first largest funded program is geared toward voting, the second is Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Disabilities and the third largest is Protection and Advocacy for Individual Rights which receives \$400,000.00. There is also monies allotted to represent people with disabilities in which a large percentage is used for looking at special education. DRNC is specifically looking at suspensions and expulsions of kids with special needs. There are also an increasing number of calls related to the inappropriate use of restraints and seclusion. For more information please refer to the DRNC pamphlet and DRNC Targets for 2008 handout that was distributed to the meeting. You can also go to www.disabilityrightsnc.org.</p>	
Information Sharing	<p>Sharon Y. informed the committee and guests that a Kick-off recognizing September as Alcohol and Drug Recovery Month in Cumberland County will be held Monday, September 8, 2008</p>	

	from 4:00p.m. until 5:00p.m. in the Pate Room at the Headquarters Library, 300 Maiden Lane, Fayetteville, NC.	
Closing and Next Meeting	The committee voted and unanimously agreed to accept Jerrell H. as a CFAC member representing Substance Abuse. The meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m. and the next meeting will be held September 11, 2008 at 5:30p.m. Members will discuss and review the 2 nd Relational Agreement Draft with members' input.	Members were asked to review copy of 2 nd Relational Agreement Draft with members' input to September 11, 2008 meeting.