Welcome and Introductions

- Emma Shouse, TN Council on DD
- Jenness Roth, BCDD and family member
- Melvin Jackson, CLEE
- Gina Brady, DLAC
- Elizabeth Bishop, BCDD
- Sandi Klink, MCIL and self
- Steven Sheegog
- Bruce Keisling, BCDD
- Ace Madjlesi, CAC Secretary and family member
- Ginger Walton, CAC chair and family member

Approval of Minutes

- Ace has disseminated the previous meeting’s minutes (Nov. 2013). Please review and submit any corrections, clarifications, or objections to Ace (acemadjlesi@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Pending revisions, these will be sent to CAC via email for approval.

Overview of 2014 CAC Meetings

- Meeting programming will be based on the various core components of the evaluation plan of the 5-year UCEDD grant. Such programming will discuss specific objectives and outcomes, and seek input from CAC members.

- **Feb. 19:** Training and Dissemination, Elizabeth Bishop
- **May 14:** Clinical Services with Dr. Palmer, Dr. Keisling, and additional clinicians from BCDD to present.

- **Aug. 20:** Community Outreach and Trainings at the BCDD + Ned Solomon to speak about Partners in Policy-Making

- **Nov. 19:** Research Projects at BCDD + possibly something else

**Training and Dissemination**

**Elizabeth Bishop, Training Coordinator, BCDD**

- **Training:** Please see attached PPT.
  
  o LEND is BCDD’s formal training program for students, but the BCDD also offers formal community workshops
  
  o Lots of trainees come through BCDD, from UTHSC, but also University of Memphis and Southwest TN Community College. Student training ranges in its focus, from clinical services to social work.
  
  o Recruitment efforts emphasize diversity, even beyond reporting mandates.
  
  o Some segments of the PPT need additional data based on fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) for further reports.
  
  o “My training experience at the BCDD” slide: please see attached questions (the graph in PPT cuts off some of the questions).
  
  o One criticism is that trainees wish they received more cross-discipline training, but time management is such an issue. BCDD has tried to use a cross-discipline digital message board to remedy this, but are open to other ideas as well.
  
  o Another critique is that students get a good sampling of what is very prominent at BCDD (e.g., children on the autism spectrum or with
ADHD), but not with the whole experience of disability. Would like ideas as to how to engage students in the “breadth and depth” of disability.

Potential “field trip” type sites:

- Madonna Learning Center
- Memphis Center for Independent Living
- H.O.P.E. meetings: Every Thursday, 2:30pm-4:30pm, at MCIL
  - Interdisciplinary Community Education (ICE) workshops: Community training programs which has been changed to fit perceived community needs (e.g., making workshops free).
  - Ideas for potential ICE workshops:
    - “Know Your Rights” workshops with the Public Defender’s office, aimed at people with DD and their families/partners → Ace and Gina will work on researching this and received suggestions from other CAC members as to other suggestions.
    - Would like to target high-risk populations such as Spanish-speaking communities, or people in judicial custody.

- **Dissemination**: Biggest measure of dissemination is website, but focus is broadening to include social media initiatives.
  - CAC members should review the BCDD website and then provide official feedback via the “review our website” link.
  - CAC members should “like” the BCDD on Facebook, if possible.

**Announcements**

- **Emma: DD Council**
Partnering with ASAN for TN employment First Leadership Academy: In Nashville, Sept. 4 – 8, 2014. This is derived from the Youth Leadership Forum, targeting young adults, 18+ to teach self-advocacy skills and specifically around employment. A flyer with more information will be sent out via email.

Supporting Families Community Practice grant from AIDD is underway and several activities around that have started.

Project Search project is also underway and currently in discussion with Shelby County Schools as a potential site.

**Gina: DLAC**

- 2014 Areas of Work is available
- March 13, Nashville: Wrights Law training
- DCE training with the State on RTI, open to community and Gina will send further information.
- Will provide updates about legal actions and data collection, when possible.
- Changing their name to Disability Right of TN.

**Sandi: MCIL**

- Disability roundtable discussion – Feb. 28, 2014 at Hooks Library at 10:00am
- Rolling for Independence: Fundraiser on May 10, 2014, family-friendly walk-roll 5K

**Vanderbilt Kennedy Center and Arc of TN**
• Looking for stories about TN residents with intellectual and DD. Stories should be related to issues of aging. They are looking for 7 families. The person with disability must be age 40 or older and willing to be interviewed.

• If interested, please contact Courtney Taylor at Courtney.taylor@vanderbilt.edu, (615) 322-5658

• Bruce: BCDD
  • In the coming month, BCDD will be working on grant reporting.
  • Significant site visit from MCHB about LEND program at the end of March.
  • For the rest of 2014, BCDD will be upgrading technology and integrating billing, scheduling, and electronic medical records with Le Bonheur.
  • Bruce is writing a grant application for a Dept. of Education grant to train students across Allied Health Professions like OT, PT, and Social Work. The CAC is invited to provide insight and ideas. The application is due in April.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 14, 2014