



MTARS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 28, 2014

Members Present

Jorge Aguilar (Chair)
Molly Kennedy
Catherine Blakemore
Kristopher Kent
Janelle Lewis
Olivia Raynor
Sarah Greenseid

Members Absent

Michael Wilkening

Others Attending

Mike Clark
Mark Polit
David Forderer
Aaron Bishop
(Commissioner, AIDD)
Jennifer Johnson (AIDD)
Alison Cruz (AIDD)
Andrew Morris (AIDD)
Natalie Bocanegra
Eric Gelber

1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Jorge Aguilar, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone present introduced themselves.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

4. APPROVAL OF APRIL 3 MINUTES

The April minutes were adopted.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND MEETINGS

Jorge updated the committee on his discussions with AIDD. A lengthy discussion ensued on the role of planning on implementation of the corrective action plan.

6. AMMENDMENTS TO AB 1595

Mark Polit provided an update of Assembly Bill (AB) 1595, which will bring California state law into compliance with federal law. He and Catherine Blakemore briefly reported on their meetings with AIDD on the bill's language. Mark reported that the prior day, May 27th, AIDD issued their review of the current language. AIDD then joined the meeting via telephone, and Jorge asked them to walk the committee through their comments. Their comments fell into three areas:

- (1) The bill still gives state statute the primary role in defining the Council's work. However, the DD Act is the primary and controlling statute.
- (2) Language is still included in the bill that directs the council to perform certain actions or duties. However, the Council must be free of state interference and determine itself how to expend its federal grant to implement its state plan.
- (3) Throughout statute, there are state provisions for Council actions or responsibilities that are not contemplated by the DD Act.

The AIDD participants then left the meeting.

Based on the AIDD comments, Molly Kennedy moved and Janelle seconded to ask the Council to amend the bill based on the following concepts:

- (1) Start the legislation with the DD Act and federal language authorities in the revisions to statute.
- (2) Review AIDD comments and make sure that language in statute reflects Council independence, free from state interference.
- (3) Add language that some state provisions in statute can be done by Council with federal funds, if it is consistent with the Council's State

Plan. Otherwise the Council may engage in other activities using other funds.

The motion carried 6-1-0.

The committee asked that staff form a drafting group to implement those directions. The drafting group will consist of Mark Polit, Natalie Bocanegra, Catherine Blakemore, Kris Kent, and Eric Gelber. The drafting committee will report its product to the incoming Council Chair, Molly Kennedy.

7. CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN (CAP) UPDATE

On May 27, 2014, the AIDD issued their review of the California SCDD CAP, approving the CAP. The AIDD participants reviewed that material with the Committee. AIDD indicated they will initiate bi-weekly calls with Council leadership to provide technical assistance and review the Council's progress on the CAP. The next CAP update is due June 2, 2014.

8. NEXT STEPS

The next meeting of the MTARS Committee will be June 25, 2014 from 1-4 PM.

9. ADJOURN

Jorge Aguilar adjourned the meeting at 3:55pm