



MTARS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 25, 2014

Members Present

Molly Kennedy
Catherine Blakemore
Kristopher Kent
Sarah Greenseid
Olivia Raynor
Sandra Smith

Members Absent

Janelle Lewis
Michael Wilkening

Others Attending

Mike Clark
Aaron Carruthers
Alison Cruz (w/ AIDD)
Andrew Morris (w/ AIDD)
Mark Polit
Mary Ellen Stives
Dawn Morley
Sonya Bingham
Holly Bins
Natalie Bocanegra
Eric Gelber
Pierre Landry
Thomas Johnson

1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Molly Kennedy, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone present introduced themselves. There were some guests listening in on the phone and they introduced themselves.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

4. REVIEW OF JUNE 2014, MTARS CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Molly Kennedy reviewed the June 2014 MTARS Corrective Action Plan with committee members. It was noted that this plan contained updates that were required for submittal to AIDD by next week.

There was also a brief overview of previous MTARS meetings. She emphasized that the MTARS committee has been working to create an amicable communication process with AIDD. Particularly, the chief task of the previous meetings was to develop and submit a Corrective Action Plan Update by June 2, 2014. Currently, it is awaiting approval from AIDD.

5. UPDATE ON AIDD LEADERSHIP CALLS

Molly Kennedy informed the committee that she, Mark Polit, and Mike Clarke have been in direct communication with AIDD. It was noted that Alison Cruz (with AIDD) would be added as a California Project Officer to assist Rita Stevens. Moreover, Mike Clark has scheduled a meeting for Molly, Mark, and himself with the AIDD Commissioner, Aaron Bishop and other AIDD staff. Mike, Molly, and Mark will also be holding a leadership workshop with the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD), on July 7, in Washington D.C.

6. MTARS COMMUNICATION PROCESS

Molly Kennedy requests that all MTARS committee members maintain direct contact with each other, particularly when members communicate with AIDD staff regarding the process and status of items related to MTARS.

It was suggested that a Corrective Action Memo be drafted and distributed every month. The purpose of this memo would be to provide a summary and update of information regarding progress on the MTARS corrective action plan and communication with AIDD.

7. UPDATE ON AB 1595

Mark Polit provided an update of Assembly Bill (AB) 1595, which will bring California state law into compliance with federal law. He emphasized that AB 1595 will most likely become state law in January. Given that AB 1595 retains \$6.5 million in federal funds, it is expected to pass the Senate Appropriations Committee and then the Senate with minimal amendments. The bill will then return to the Assembly for

concurrence with the Senate amendments, then onto the governor for his signature.

Mark then provided a nuanced summary on what AB 1595 intends to accomplish, the substantive amendments it makes to the Lanterman Act, and how it might affect the Council's role, commitments, budgetary obligations, structure, and State Plan.

8. REVIEW OF STATE PLAN AND COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Molly Kennedy provided the committee with a review of the organizational chart and the State Plan. She noted that communication with AIDD was amicable, and that they will provide assistance in the future regarding California's State Plan.

There was a brief discussion on how the MTARS, Administrative, and State Plan committee will be working in tandem the coming months and years to develop a State Plan and improve the organizational structure of the Council.

Moreover, Alison Cruz, with AIDD, provided the committee with a few pieces of advice based on her experience with other state plans. Particularly, she emphasized that Council should think about its long term goals in preparation for the next State Plan cycle beginning October of 2016.

Finally, it was suggested that Sheryl Matney, with *Information and Technical Assistance Center for Councils on Developmental Disabilities* (ITACC), hold a technical assistance training session with Council Staff and MTARS Committee members.

9. REVIEW OF MTARS TIMELINE MATRIX AND UPCOMING DUE DATES

Mark Polit reviewed the updated timeline matrix for MTARS activities.

10. **PLANNING FOR NEXT MEETINGS**

The next MTARS Committee meeting was scheduled for July 30, 2014, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, at SCDD Headquarters in Sacramento.

11. **ADJOURN**

Molly Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 3:34pm