State of California

Health and Human Services Agency

BLIND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

9:00 – 4:00

MEETING LOCATION

Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)

721 Capitol Mall

Conference Room 169

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**Bagley-Keene Act Notification:**

The following are the public locations where BAC Members will be participating by teleconference and the public may attend:

Orientation Center for the Blind (OCB)

400 Adams Street

Albany, CA 94706

Center for the Partially Sighted

6101 W. Centinela Ave. Suite 150

Culver City, CA 90230

Department of Rehabilitation Pasadena Branch

150 S. Los Robles Avenue, Suite 300

Pasadena, CA 91101-2437

**Action Items from the March 1, 2013 Meeting**

* Ms. Donovan requested the number of currently employed BFS clients on the list of 400 consumers on the EDD wage abstract list. DOR will present this at the next BAC meeting.
* DOR will provide the BAC with the phone number of the new Customer Service Unit line when it becomes available.
* DOR will provide the BAC with information and data on standards and indicators.
* The BAC requested the following reports be sent to members annually, in the fall, and at least 10 days prior to the respective meeting:
  + Report on number of annual competitive closures (including number of hours worked and weekly wages) covering the past 5 years;
  + Report on SSI/SSDI status on case closure;
  + Report on employer-provided health benefits to “26 closures”;
  + Report on number of plan changes per consumer and time between changes;
  + Report on long-term high cost cases;
  + A report on the disaggregated data of blind and visually-impaired consumers in the RSA 911 Report.
  + Report on the relationship between “26 closures” and service provided to the consumer (DOR will present a report concept at the next meeting); and
  + Report on the number of homemaker cases.
* The BAC requested that DOR Supervisors require all counselors to inform consumers that online forms are available to them, in addition to hard copy formats.
* The BAC requested that availability of accessible forms be included in the next BFS supervisor training.
* Last summer, several vendors were not paid to participate in the BEP Summer Intern Program. The vendors were told, after the program was completed, that they would not be paid. Mr. Dawson and Mr. Xavier will discuss this after the meeting and report back at the next meeting, including an overview of current student programs.

**AGENDA**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Bryan Bashin, Chair

1. **Approval of March 1, 2013 BAC Meeting Minutes**

Bryan Bashin, Chair

1. **DOR and Specialized Services Division (SSD)**

**Program Updates -**

Tony Sauer, Director

Juney Lee, Chief Deputy Director

Joe Xavier, Deputy Director, SSD

Bill Moore, Vocational Rehabilitation Employment Division

Pat Santillanes, Vocational Rehabilitation Policy and Resources Division (VRPRD)

(attending as schedules permit) The DOR Executive Staff will give an update on current and planned programs and services at DOR, including:

* OCB Trust Fund Committee
* OCB Curriculum
* Vendor Utilization Management (VUM) Project Update – Employment Services
* Vocational Rehabilitation Modernization Project Update

Public comment

1. **OIB Program funding**

Joe Xavier, Deputy Director, SSD

Elena Gomez, Assistant Deputy Director, SSD

Joe Smith, Rehabilitation Administrator I - Specialist

Tammy Scott, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

DOR Staff will present funding distribution methodology and identified impacts. Members will discuss and make recommendations to mitigate the impacts.

Public comment

1. **Assistive Technology (AT) Assessment Services**

Committee discussion

Discussion about AT assessment services for consumers.

Public comment

Lunch

1. **BAC Representation for Interview Panel**

Committee discussion on the process for and selection of a BAC Member to serve on interview panels as requested by DOR.

Public comment

1. **BAC Member Selection and Roles**

Committee discussion on the selection, roles and responsibilities of BAC Members, including:

* Process for selecting BAC Members
* Avoidance of conflict of interest
* Bagley-Keene responsibilities
* Roles of BAC Chair and Vice Chair

1. **Summer Youth Program**

Committee discussion regarding the Summer Youth Program.

Public comment

1. **Consumer Services**

Committee discussion on: 1) Turnaround time from when a vendor receives a referral to seeing the consumer, and 2) Length of time to resolve equipment issues when the vendor is more than 50 miles from the consumer.

Public comment

1. **New Business**

Bryan Bashin, Chair

Discussion and decisions on agenda and policy topics for the next BAC meeting.

**Adjourn**

**Materials Distributed:**

1. August 14, 2013 BAC Meeting Agenda
2. March 1, 2013 Draft BAC Meeting Minutes
3. Business Enterprises Program Report
4. Blind Field Services Program Report
5. Orientation Center for the Blind Program Report
6. Older Individuals Who Are Blind Program Report
7. Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act

**Bagley-Keene Act Notification:**

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