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**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 26, 2010**

Board and Liaison Members Present: Anne Long-Chairperson, Suzanne Anthony, Curtis Braxton, Jim Burton, Stephanie Chapralis, Joan Crook, Stephen Dale, Elree Langford, Mindy Lee, Ella Liggins, Barbara Maizie, Penny Musante, Joanne Nakamura, Pam Perls, Kate Rauch, Will Sanford, Heidi Spalding

Board Members Excused: Laura Beard, Ian Bremner, Dwayne Cooper, Lacey Friedman, Carol McKinney, Lauri Parks, Norma Ramos, Carol Rossi

Guests: Ana Araujo, Community Services Bureau, Head Start; Darcie Azzolini, We Care Services for Children; Carol Bohnsack, RCEB; Francine Davis, RCEB; Gene Gracey, Mass Mutual; Heather Hackett, Futures Explored/GARDEN; Vi Ibarra, We Care Services for Children; Sandra Jackson, Las Trampas, Inc; Krista Loomis, Full Circle; Craig Rose, CIWP Antioch; Joel Sullivan, Futures Explored/ALIVE

Staff: Gina Jennings, Director; Pamela Newacheck, Acting Secretary

Welcome and Introductions – Anne Long

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. All present introduced him/herself.

- The April 28, 2010 Board meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented (motion by Kate Rauch, second by Ella Liggins).
- The Annual Dinner Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as presented (motion by Ella Liggins, second by Suzanne Anthony).
- No additions to the agenda were made.

Review of Final Mission Statement – Gina Jennings

The final version of the Mission Statement reads as follows:

The mission of the Developmental Disabilities Council of Contra Costa County is to promote the coordination, improvement and growth of services and support to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, and to advocate for their needs. Gina thanked Kate Rauch for all her help on crafting the mission statement.

Board Nominations

The following three nominations were unanimously approved (motion by Heidi Spalding, second by Stephen Dale).

1. Josh Sullivan, Futures Explored/ALIVE
2. Heather Hackett, Futures Explores/GARDEN
3. Carl Tolentino, Consumer

There are still three open positions on the board and please forward nominations to the committee.

May Revision – Jim Burton

- A recent announcement confirmed that state revenues were down about \$1.3 billion more than previous projections for the period July '09 to April '10, giving a total state deficit of \$20 billion.



- The May 14 revisions were almost as big as the January proposals:
 - a. \$12.3 billion additional cuts
 - b. \$3.4 billion in federal funds
 - c. \$3.4 billion in funding shifts
- Plans are in effect to eliminate Cal-Works.
- Previous plan to make changes to IHSS have been changed and now instead there is a proposed \$750 million cut that will be determined by stakeholders recommendations within 45 days.
- Major cuts have been made to Medi-Cal; however optometry services have been reinstated. For seniors and those with disabilities, health care will move from Medi-Cal to managed care with hopes of bringing in more federal funds.
- There are massive cuts to mental health (\$602 million).
- DDS has recommended an additional 1.25% cut to service providers as the ONLY way to achieve the \$25 million cut necessary, which works out to a \$48 million cut because of loss federal funds.
- Regional Center caseloads are adjusted down by 6,200 clients for next year. This translates to a decrease in POS of \$29 million, and \$13 million in operating expenses.
- RCEB still doesn't have a balanced budget, along with 13 other regional centers. Won't know until months after end of fiscal year (June 30) whether they balanced for 09-10.
- The State is running out of cash and RCEB received only half their normal payment with NO WARNING or explanation. RCEB's excellent fiscal responsibility has helped and they were able to obtain a line of credit. Jim strongly encouraged that Providers also apply for credit lines as a precautionary measure.
- Terri Delgadillo has established two committees to look at (1) Early Start and (2) Camp/Respite.
- An alternative service plan has been submitted to save the Respite Inn. It is a fiscally sound approach and there is hope it will be accepted.
- There is no resolution to camp funding yet. A proposed revision to trailer bill language to allow families to use their available respite resources for camps has been submitted to the Budget Advisory Group.

Action Items

- The Council discussed writing a letter to key legislators and Terri Delgadillo on the behalf of families regarding funding camps and urging them to look at alternative ways to look at Camp, as it is really respite for families.
- It was recommended that the DD Council begin using social networking to create awareness of our mission statement, our goals and our challenges.

Announcements

- Area Board 5's Celebration of Self Advocacy is on June 2.
- It was mentioned that the British doctor who first proposed the link between autism and vaccines has been disbarred and his findings have been declared a sham.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 23, 2010.

Respectfully submitted via e-mail,
 Pamela Newacheck
 Acting Secretary

Refreshments for the June meeting to be provided by Stephanie Chapralis



2010 SNACK SCHEDULE

January 2010: Pamela Newacheck

February 2010: Laura Beard

March 2010: Dwayne Cooper and Curtis Braxton

April 2010: Anne Long

May 2010: Ella Liggins

June 2010: Stephanie Chapralis

July/August: (meeting not confirmed)

September: Mindy Lee

October: Stephen Dale

November/December:

