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**Please Note:
*No July Meeting***

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 23, 2010**

Board and Liaison Members Present: Anne Long-Chairperson, Suzanne Anthony, Curtis Braxton, Stephanie Chapralis, Joan Crook, Stephen Dale, Heather Hackett, Elree Langford, Mindy Lee, Barbara Maizie, Carol McKinney, Pam Perls, Will Sanford, Josh Sullivan, Carl Tolentino

Board Members Excused: Laura Beard, Ian Bremner, Lacey Friedman, Ella Liggins, Kate Rauch, Carol Rossi, Heidi Spalding

Guests: Francine Davis, RCEB; Shermeka Jones, Pathway to Choices; Kelly Kramer, Toolworks; Penny Musante, Craig Rose, CIWP Antioch; Sandi Soliday, ACDDC

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

Welcome and Introductions – Anne Long

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. All present introduced him/herself.

- The May 26, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved as presented (motion by Suzanne Anthony, second by Penny Musante).
- Items IV and V were removed from the agenda.

Special Presentation – Lisa Kleinbub, Director of Medical and Behavioral Services

A Look at Health Care Reform and Potential Impacts to Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their Families.

Lisa provided a preliminary look at the Health Care Reform Legislation that was signed into law by President Obama on March 23, 2010. She explained that the legislation is very involved and implementation will be done in phases – many provisions will be implemented by 2014, but not completed until 2018. Exact details on how these provisions will occur have not been completely worked out. For more information and details on the Health Care Reform, go to www.kff.org. Highlights of the legislation include:

- Significant mandates for both individuals and employer/employees, with eventual penalties for those who don't obtain coverage.
- Increase in subsidies and tax credits.
- Expansion of Medicaid to include those with incomes up to 133% of poverty level (\$14,000 annual income) which should help our consumers.
- Increased provisions for no-cost preventative care.
- Rates can no longer be based on gender or pre-existing conditions – by 2014 only age, community rating, family size and tobacco can be used as criteria.
- Children may stay on their parent's coverage until age 26.
- Chain restaurants and vending machines will need to disclose nutritional content of foods.
- Tax credits for employers with less than 25 employees.
- Creation of temporary national high risk insurance pools.



- Voluntary insurance program to purchase long-term care. Must opt out to not pay into this, but will be fully vested after five years of \$100-150 per month payments.
- Elimination of lifetime caps in 2010 and yearly caps in 2014. This significantly affects children who had long neonatal intensive unit care which had them approaching lifetime caps by age one.
- More working consumers will be eligible for insurance due to tax credits to small businesses.
- Insurance plans offered will have to meet a basic minimum for coverage; however these coverage requirements have not yet been determined. It is unknown whether durable medical equipment and ongoing supplies will be covered.
- Increased reimbursement for primary care may expand network of physicians serving Medicaid populations.
- Increased focus on non-institutional long term care services with increased FMAP and pilot projects.
- Over 1/3 consumers at RCEB will be dual eligible.
- Decreased drug co-pay for dual eligibles.
- Medicare Part D drug co-pays will be eliminated for dual eligibles on waivers and it will begin covering benzodiazepines and barbiturates that had been previously excluded. The coverage gap/donut hole will be reduced starting with a \$250 payment this year.

Budget – Will Sanford

- The State of California has been without a budget since June 15, and there remains a \$19 billion deficit. After June 30 the State won't be able to make its payments, which includes payments to Regional Centers. RCEB has already received a line of credit from its bank.
- There is a continued plan to move some services from the state to county, with the promise of funding.
- The Governor is talking with unions regarding retirement pensions.
- The 1.25% is still open – if passed will only save \$25 million in General Funds. **Senator Duchenev** from San Diego is the key legislature to educate about alternative ways to save \$25 million.
- As required under new legislature, RCEB has recently mailed an 'annual statement' to all families listing the services that have been purchased over the previous year. The purpose is to ensure that all services purchased were received, and to catch fraud. However, as it may be interpreted as a bill for services, vendors and/or case managers should be prepared for concerned phone calls.

Committee Reports

Legislation – Will Sanford

- Senate Bills 1282 and 1283, sponsored by Steinberg, are still working their way through the system. Both revolve around health care coverage.
- AB 2702 is being sponsored by ARC Cal and Wes Chesbro, and simply states that changes in trailer bill language were NOT intended to change the IPP process.

Transition Committee – Penny Musante

The Transition Conference is scheduled for January 4, 2011. The committee is looking for a keynote speaker, and deciding on the program, specific sessions and classes. The brochure should be completed by October.

Family Support

No report.

Announcements

- Josh Sullivan announced that Futures ALIVE will be hosting four H1N1 clinics (including injections) for consumers and caretakers as part of a Contra Costa County grant. It was mentioned that children need two doses, but many only received one.
- Based on discussions at the recent Board Retreat, Gina would like to schedule one of our board meetings in West Contra Costa County during 2010-2011, one in the evening, and possibly one in East CCC. Spectrum and the West County



School District offices were mentioned as possible locations, and November and March were mentioned as possible months.

- Gina also asked for ideas and topics for the upcoming year. Pam Thomas volunteered to assist Gina in this realm.
- Barbara Maizie delivered some good news – Proposal 637 passed. This proposal provides for two things: (1) up to one-half of in-home respite can be used as out-of-home respite (to a max of 180 hours), and (2) camp can be considered an out-of-home respite option. Many thanks go to the families and key individuals who made a huge effort to get this issue on the DDS radar, and the Respite Inn Board Members who went to DDS with letters from families. In the end, it was the proposal that Pam Thomas from RCEB wrote that was accepted. It was recommended that the results be publicized as an example of successful advocacy.
- The Respite Inn will be hosting a Wine Tasting Fundraiser on September 12, 2010, so mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

Next Meeting

Due to the state's current financial instability, it was decided to tentatively schedule a meeting for Wednesday, July 28, 2010.

There will be no guest speaker – the only topic will be the budget.

Respectfully submitted via e-mail,

Pamela Newacheck

Acting Secretary

