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**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, INC  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
January 26, 2011**

**Board and Liaison Members Present:** Suzanne Anthony - Chairperson, Laura Beard, Jim Burton, Stephanie Chapralis, Joan Crook, Heather Hackett, Elree Langford, Ella Liggins, Barbara Maizie, Penny Musante, Kate Rauch, Rocio Smith, Heidi Spaulding, Josh Sullivan, Carl Tolentino.

**Board Members Excused:** Curtis Braxton, Ian Bremner, Stephen Dale, Lacey Friedman, Mindy Lee, Anne Long, Carol McKinney, Pam Perls, Carol Rossi, Will Sanford

**Guests:** Nickole Bouslog, ALIVE; Francine Davis, RCEB; Valisha Fullard, CAF; Cindy Gamboa; Victoria Greenleaf, RCEB; Kiara Hedglin, ALIVE; Danon Jenkins, ALIVE; Dave Johnson, CAF; Kelly Kramer, Toolworks; Carol Anne McCrary, CCARC; Caroline Ortiz, Care Parent Network; Erin Rogers, Cole Vocational Services, Antioch; Pam Thomas, RCEB, Ron Usac, AB5; Kim Williams, ALIVE

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

**Welcome and Introductions - Suzanne Anthony**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am and introductions were made.

- Both the October 22, 2010 minutes and the December 8, 2010 minutes were approved unanimously. Motion was made by Penny Musante with a second by Josh Sullivan.
- The following addition was made to the agenda:
  - Special recognition of Rocio Smith's Birthday! Congratulations were made.

**Special Presentation to Ed Roberts - Gina Jennings**

Ed Roberts' challenges and accomplishments are crucial to understanding our field; many even consider him the 'Martin Luther King' of the disability arena. Ed had polio as a youth and needed an iron lung, yet he became the first graduate of UC Berkeley with a severe disability. He went on to found the Independent Living Foundation and eventually became the State Director of Rehabilitation. Senator Loni Hancock spearheaded Ed Robert Day in California and Congressman George Miller is advocating for a National Holiday on his behalf. Ed is the quintessential example of how one person can make a huge difference. *(Due to technical difficulties, the video on Ed Robert was not shown; however you can use this link to find it*

[http://achievingindependence.tv/video/Ed\\_Roberts/Full/FullEdit.html](http://achievingindependence.tv/video/Ed_Roberts/Full/FullEdit.html)

**State Budget Update - Jim Burton**

The news out of Sacramento is bleak. California's economy is still lagging, with an approximate 12.5% unemployment rate. There is a \$25.4 billion deficiency anticipated over the next 18 months (\$8 billion in the current fiscal year, and \$17 billion in 2011-2012). Economic recovery is anticipated to take between 6 and 7 years.

Governor Brown proposals are approaching the problem from three angles: (a) cut \$12 billion, (b) a continuation of the tax increase of last year, and (c) move some responsibilities between state and local governments. It appears that Redevelopment Agencies and Enterprise Zones are destined for complete

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elimination. The Governor is hoping to have the proposed budget ready by March 1. The Governor has made it clear that if the extension of the tax increases are not voted in much deeper cuts will be required.

- Currently there are no proposed cuts to the prison/jail system or K-12 schools
- There is nothing in the proposed budget that reflects cuts to pensions.

There have been no recommendations for additional cuts this year, however there is a proposal to continue the 4.25% reduction for at least another year. There is an assumption that funds will be received for Early Start programs from Prop 10 funding, and \$65 million will be coming in additional Federal funding. The bulk of the reduction (\$533.5 million) is in the following three areas:

1. Closing of Lanterman State Developmental Center
2. Transparencies and accountability at the Regional Centers and with service providers – some regional centers have been audited and discrepancies were found along with a few conflicts of interests in one Regional Center in Southern California. DDS has proposed the following based on the outcome of the Audit and some awful press on one or two providers:
  - Expand audit requirements to include service providers with \$350,000+ annual budgets
  - Require a change in auditing firms every 5 years
  - Require Conflicts of interest disclosures
  - Regional Centers Boards must approve all contracts
3. Imposing Service Standards-This has not been described in the budget, and past efforts have failed. Tentative process:
  - An online survey is being developed to obtain preliminary input. It is due out soon (in English only with no process for other languages). At the time of writing the minutes the survey has been posted on the DDS website, it can be found at <http://www.dds.ca.gov/survey/> and you may want to check [www.KTLP.org](http://www.KTLP.org) for assistance in completing the survey as it complicated.
  - Eight to nine work groups consisting of 30-35 people each. Work groups will include people with developmental disabilities, along with their family.

Additional information about reductions can be reviewed by going to the DDS website [www.dds.com](http://www.dds.com) look for "Quick Budget Summary" which will show 2010-11 Budget Highlights.

Note: Regional Centers have received funds to offset SSI cuts and Medi-Cal co-pays, along with funds to offset Adult Day Health Centers previously funded by Medi-Cal.

#### ***What can be done by individuals? BECOME INVOLVED AND ADVOCATE!!***

- CONTACT your local elected officials let them know that we already saved the state \$334 million from the cuts last year, and that an additional \$533.5 million is just too much, and compromises to the health and safety of the participants may occur. *Mark DeSaulnier, our local senator, is chairing the Senate Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. He can be reached at 916-651-4007 or [senator.desaulnier@senate.ca.gov](mailto:senator.desaulnier@senate.ca.gov).*
- Attend the Townhall Meeting on Friday, January 28 at the State Building Auditorium in Oakland.
- Attend the Budget Hearings in Sacramento on February 3 and February 10.
- Become educated on the Lanterman Act, the IPP process, and how the Governor's budget proposal will affect these by attending the February 15 meeting at the George Miller Center in Concord. Contact Care Parent Network at 925-313-0999 to RSVP. On-site care for children and adults will be available, along with Spanish translation.
- Go to your local legislator's webpages and sign-up.

#### ***What can be done by DD Council?***

A motion was made by Josh Sullivan and seconded by Carl Tolentino that Gina send a letter to Terry Delgadillo (Director of Developmental Services) covering the following topics:

1. Congratulate her on her re-hiring as Director of DDS
2. Highlight some of the proposals and problems listed here
3. Advise against adopting POS standards.



**West and East County Meetings – Gina Jennings**

It was decided that the March DD Council meeting will be held in West County, with the time and date remaining the same. No venue has been determined. Proposed topic will be the State Budget.

**Committee Reports**

No committee reports were made due to time constraints.

**Announcements**

- Rocio Smith – California State Council on Developmental Disabilities Public Forum will be held Thursday, March 3 at the Public Health Department in Oakland. For more information call 510-286-0439
- It was announced that Sandra Jackson, Director of Las Trampas, has resigned and is moving back east. She will be greatly missed.

**Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55am. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February, 23, 2011 at RCEB in Concord.

Respectfully submitted via e-mail,

*Pamela Newacheck*

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