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**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 23, 2011**

Board and Liaison Members Present: Anne Long - Chairperson, Suzanne Anthony, Curtis Braxton, Jim Burton, Stephanie Chapralis, Stephen Dale, Heather Hackett, Mindy Lee, Ella Liggins, Carol McKinney, Penny Musante, Kate Rauch, Pam Perls, Will Sanford, Heidi Spaulding, Josh Sullivan, Carl Tolentino

Board Members Excused: Laura Beard, Ian Bremner, Joan Crook, Lacey Friedman, Elree Langford, Carol Rossi

Guests: Doris Crumly, RCEB; Francine Davis, RCEB; Jayme Dynes, Alive consumer; Danon Jenkins, ALIVE; Dave Johnson, CAF and Parent; Kelly Kramer, Toolworks; Caroline Ortiz, Care Parent Network; Erin Rogers, Cole Vocational Services, Antioch; Craig Rose, CIWP Antioch; Audrua Sysum, Alive consumer; Ken Talken, WCCUSD; Ron Usac, Area Board 5; John Visbal, Calif. Autism Foundation

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

Welcome and Introductions – Anne Long

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

- The February 23, 2011 minutes were approved unanimously. Motion was made by Suzanne Anthony with a second by Ella Liggins.
- Gina Jennings requested an addition be made to the agenda following the Committee Reports regarding the creation of a Nominating Committee.

Tying in Together: The Lanterman Act/Budget Proposals/DDS Work Groups – Presented by Gina Jennings and Carol McKinney

Carol and Gina gave a presentation tying the Lanterman Act and entitlement to the current Budget Proposals and the DDS Work Groups. The power point for this important presentation can be found at www.futures-explored.org.

Budget/RCEB Update – Jim Burton

Jim reported that the only significant piece of budget news that has changed to date is that the Conference Committee voted to increase the cuts by \$50 million.

- DDS will host public hearings on POS Standards/Best Practices and the outcomes of the Work Groups. Jim strongly urges all advocacy efforts continue.
 - Keep the pressure on.



- Jim suggested that the Council consider taking a position on getting the extension of the current taxes on a Special Election ballot. He emphasized the importance of this because if the extension does not make the ballot and get voted in, we may see even more drastic reductions put forth.
- Jim noted the importance of thanking Senator Mark Leno and Diane Van Maren for keeping the additional \$50 million increase away from individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Will Sanford to provide details for the letters. Have Gina generate a letter describing the impact the cuts in IHSS will have and get it distributed to families via the service providers.

Planning the West Contra Costa Meeting – Kate Rauch

Kate has been working on coordinating representatives from Contra Costa County and local Assembly/Senate members for a Council meeting in West Contra Costa. However, with the budget occupying many of our legislators' time and energy, it looks like it may be a few months before a meeting of this nature could possibly happen. It was decided that Kate would continue to work on getting these representatives/legislators to a future meeting. Will Sanford suggested that the Board hold its next meeting in West Contra Costa as a first time outreach effort, rather than postponing it any longer. The Board agreed and Gina and Kate will work on details. **NOTE: the regular April DD Council meeting will take place in West County, with location to be announced. Time will stay at 9:45 a.m. with coffee and muffins, 10:00 a.m. meeting convenes.**

Committee Reports

Legislative Committee – Will Sanford

The budget has been the focus of attention. The next meeting is April 6 and the list of bills to watch will be published by then.

Transition Committee – Penny Musante

The West County Transition and Special Ed Resource Fair will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at Vista Hills Education Center in Richmond from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Family Support Committee

No report

Para Coordinating Council

No report

Nominating Committee – Gina Jennings

The following board members volunteered to be a part of the Nominating Committee for the upcoming year and serve as the Excellence in Service Review Committee for the Annual Dinner Awards meeting. The following Board members volunteered for the committee, Penny Musante, Heather Hackett, Heidi Spalding, Anne Long and Suzanne Anthony.

Announcements

John Rodriguez will be retiring from RCEB in April. There is a retirement celebration scheduled for March 30.



Annual Dinner

Gina is working with Senator Mark DeSaulnier's office to see if there is any possibility that the Senator would be able to be the keynote speaker this year. Once that is nailed down we can determine the date of the event. Nomination forms for awards to be given at the dinner will be sent out soon.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2011, in West County at a location to be determined. Post script: April 27 meeting will be held at El Cerrito City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave. See packet for maps, etc.

Respectfully submitted via e-mail,

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