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**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 28, 2011 (Express Meeting)**

Board and Liaison Members Present: – Suzanne Anthony - Chairperson, Curtis Braxton, Jim Burton, Heather Hackett, Elree Langford, Ella Liggins, Stephanie Meakin, Penny Musante, Pam Perls, Heidi Spalding, Josh Sullivan, Carl Tolentino.

Board Members Excused: Laura Beard, Ian Bremner, Stephanie Chapralis, Stephen Dale, Lacey Friedman, Mindy Lee, Anne Long, Carol McKinney, Kate Rauch.

Guests: Linda Blevins, WCCUSD; Kelly Kramer, Toolworks; Karen Lingenfelter-Carman, Mt. Diablo Adult Ed; Carol Anne McCrary, CCARC; Craig Rose, CIWP Antioch; Hilary Shen, MDUSD; Ron Usac, Area Board 5; Luanna Waters, Parent, WCCSD.

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

Welcome and Introductions – Suzanne Anthony, Vice Chair

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

- Given that a quorum was not present, the April 27, May 22 or June 22 minutes could not be approved. Action postponed until September 28th Board meeting.
- No changes were made to the agenda

Budget – State and RCEB Update – Jim Burton

- The California State budget that was signed into law at the end of June and it had no real significant changes from what had been expected. The approved budget included the largest cuts to our population ever: \$579 million plus lost federal fund for approximately \$750 million in total cuts.
- State legislators are on summer recess and no significant changes are expected until December 15 and if the state revenues have not significantly improved possible additional cuts will be triggered. Unfortunately, it appears that Health and Human Service and the Department of Developmental Services are on the first tier of proposed cuts and an additional \$100 million may be cut.
- Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB) has been busy implementing all the assorted budget cuts in both Senate Bills; SB74 and AB104. These cuts and changes are difficult for everyone to implement and Jim noted that the impact on individuals with developmental disabilities and their families and service providers is significant. However, all Regional Centers must comply with the new laws that implement the awful budget cuts. SB74 has the most significant reductions with 26 to 28 changes to the law, and RCEB is about 90% done with implementing those changes. Unfortunately, this required an enormous of effort and time that took away from the 'real' work of RCEB.



- One of the most difficult reductions has been that Prevention Program will be phased out over the next 12 months, affecting over 3,600 infants and toddlers. Advocacy efforts continue for these vital services infants.
- RCEB was able to balance its 2010-2011 budget (barely), most Regional Centers have been able to balance their budgets with the cuts reflected in them with exception of two.
- One piece of positive news is that Regional Centers should not have to borrow on the line of credit and all cash flow issues have been addressed for the near future.
- In order to balance the budget RCEB has had to continue the hiring freeze, while at the same time they are experiencing a 2-3% growth. RCEB caseloads have gone from 65 to 85 clients per case manager which is extraordinarily high. There are 43 fewer people working at RCEB and workloads have increased based on new mandates.
- Adult Day Health Centers were on the chopping block. Though legislators offered alternatives, Governor Brown vetoed them. Many ADHC are existing either month-to-month or have closed their doors.
- The complexity of cuts is enormous. Check www.rceb.org more comprehensive information.

Announcements

- Gina Jennings noted that on the Federal level the potential cuts to Medicaid could lead to additional problems for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The meeting packet is information for each to review in order to stay current. The overviews of two federal issues are in the packet and all are encouraged to review the information.
- There will be no August meeting.
- September's meeting will be at RCEB, Concord Office as usual and Kate Rauch present information on media outreach. Topics for speakers for the remainder of 2011-2012 year will also be discussed at the September meeting.
- The October meeting will be held in East Contra Costa County, with location to be determined. The new library across from Deer Valley H.S. was mentioned as a possibility.
- Caroline Ortiz is the new Director of CARE Parent Network as Joan Crook has left to pursue another position with St Mary's College.
- Karen Lingenfelter-Carman is the new Coordinator of the Mount Diablo Adult Ed-Adults with Disabilities Program as Teri Demmont has left to pursue another position in the private sector. .
- Gina Jennings will be gone the month of August. Bill Sorrell, her supervisor, is available in her absence should anything come up.
- The Board was reminded there should be discussion about a possible Board Retreat as the last one was in 2009.
- August 13 is Congreso Familiar, to be held at Chabot College in Hayward. This is an all day event, with 700-1200 attendees, and wonderful presentations geared to our Spanish speaking communities.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28 at the Concord Regional Center office.

Respectfully submitted via e-mail,

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